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Gloria to US: You owe US

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WHEN ALLIES MEET: President Macapagal welcomes US Secretary of State Colin Powell to Malacañang. Some of Powell's engaging remarks during his visit: ***"I did not know someday I would be dealing with tuna."*** **Referring to the ovation he received at the Peninsula lobby, he said he was** ***"warmly and deeply touched . . . and I did not have to dance for that."***

EDWIN BACASMAS

No commitments from Powell on tuna, tourism, vets' welfare

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

ACTUALLY, you owe us.

This, in essence, was what President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday told US Secretary of State Colin Powell in Malacañang—that the US government should reciprocate her administration's all-out support for its global war against terrorism.

She raised the point early on in their hour-long meeting that included other Philippine and US officials, after failing to get Powell's assurance that the United States would grant Philippine tuna the same zero tariff given to Andean tuna from Latin America.

But there was also no firm commitment from Powell on the President's other "requests," including benefits for the Filipino war veterans, the welfare of Filipinos in the United States, the cleanup of toxic wastes at the former US bases, tourism, and the removal of the Philippines from the money laundering "blacklist."

The US official left for Washington at 1:36 p.m., airport officials said. The Philippines was the last leg of his tour of Southeast Asia, where he drummed up support for the US-led campaign against terrorism.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, who recounted the exchange to reporters after the meeting, said the President was "in effect asking the US to return the favor."

"She was saying, 'We have gone out on a limb for you, now show us that you're willing to reciprocate,'" Bunye said, referring to the public outcry against Ms Macapagal's immediate and unconditional support for the United States' anti-terror war.

The President supposedly told Powell that Philippine tuna, which has 6- to 12-percent tariff, was put at a disadvantage against Andean tuna, and stressed to him that 100,000 residents of General Santos and Cotabato cities depended on the tuna industry.

But according to an official present at the meeting, Powell hedged and said they had to consider trade relations with other countries.

Powell, a former chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, afterward made light of the lengthy discussion and joked: "I did not know someday I would be dealing with tuna."

It was then that the President said: "Our unequivocal commitment to a partnership with the US in the war on terrorism was not without political risk."

As earlier announced, the proposed Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA) was not discussed.

Nonetheless, the President said she was satisfied with the results of the RP-US Balikatan 02-1—a statement that Powell echoed.

Both sides reportedly agreed that "the momentum (for continued exercises should) con-

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STAR-SPANGLED woman counters anti-US outcry during Powell's overnight visit.

Hotel welcome drowns out noisy rallies

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

A SMALL but "warm" welcome had a bigger impact on US Secretary of State Colin Powell than the loud rallies held to protest his visit.

Powell followed yesterday's schedule to the minute. His convoy arrived at the Palace promptly at 9 a.m., and President Macapagal-Arroyo received him at the main living room at 9:15.

The US official's first remark was how surprised he was at the welcome he received at the Manila Peninsula, where he and his party stayed Friday night.

He said he was "warmly and deeply touched" when the hotel staff and guests applauded as he entered the lobby.

Powell again related the experience during the expanded meeting that started at 9:30 a.m.

According to Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, a Cabinet official asked Powell if he had seen the protest rallies.

"Oh, yes," Powell replied, and recalled what happened at

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Zuño: Low-key man for high-profile job

By Donna Cueto and Luige del Puerto

OF THE leading candidates to replace Ombudsman Aniano Desierto, only one is a career public official. Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño entered the country's prosecution service as a "special counsel" in Lipa City in 1975 and rose through the ranks. Over the years, he has secured the conviction of the principals in some of the country's most celebrated cases, including Mayor Antonio Sanchez, Rep. Romeo Jalosjos and Hubert Webb, son of Sen. Freddie Webb.

He is actively involved today in the prosecution of deposed President Joseph Estrada for plunder and of Moro National Liberation Front founder Nur Misuari for rebellion.

But except in the legal community, he remains largely unknown, preferring to keep a low profile.

In March 1995, when Sanchez, the mayor of Calauan, Laguna, was convicted for the 1993 rape and murder of UP Los Baños students Eileen Sarmenta and Allan Gomez, Zuño kept such a low profile that when he walked out of the courtroom and waited outside for his service car, nobody interviewed him.

Despite his low profile, Zuño is widely respected in the law community. "We call him 'cut-and-dry,'" said Raul Palabrica, a lawyer and this paper's Readers' Advocate. "He won't manufacture evidence, or tell his witnesses to withhold any testimony to secure a conviction. Dealing with Zuño, a lawyer knows he'll get a fair deal."

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez has endorsed the 57-year-old Zuño for the Ombudsman's job. He has said he believes Zuño is the right man for the job with a track record of 29 years of prosecution service at the DOJ.

Zuño's family, his two sons and his wife, a doctor, are supportive of him.

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Palace puts its money where Dick's mouth is

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Malacañang is putting its money where its tourism secretary's mouth is. Because if you fund it, they will come.

A ranking tourism official over the weekend said the Macapagal administration had increased the department's budget to ensure that Tourism Secretary Richard "Dick" Gordon's "Visit Philippines 2003" program is a success.

Speaking at a regional conference here, Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab said the Palace had actually doubled the DOT's budget allocation.

Palabyab said the government also extended P80 million to spruce up the Intramuros district in Manila, which the DOT will use as a "gateway show-

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‘Bomb-dropping’ choppers panic farmers

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—Residents of a coastal village in Zambales were thrown into panic last Friday when four United States Marine Corps helicopters made an emergency landing there, after allegedly exploding three bombs off the South China Sea coast.

Farmers in Barangay Lucapon South, Sta. Cruz, Zambales, claimed that two hectares of rice land were damaged by the operation, and complained that local and military authorities had been unhelpful when they approached them for help.

Ambassador Jaime Yambao, executive director of the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFACom), confirmed that four US helicopters did make an emergency landing in the village because of bad weather.

But Yambao denied the farmers' claims that bombs were exploded and that village farms had been damaged.

He said the helicopters had participated in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness Training (Carat-02) joint naval exercise, which ended on Friday at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, some 100 kms south of Sta. Cruz.

"So far, there were no casualties. There was no damage except for five-inch to one-foot deep dents in the fields," Yambao said.

But farmers Eduardo Merced, Corazon Menorca and her son, Salvador, insisted that the helicopter landings had burned their newly planted crops

"We have photographs to prove the damage," said village councilor Jimmy Dulay.

The three farmers demanded compensation, saying they had taken out loans in order to plant the crops.

Jo Ignacio, a teacher at the Columban College's extension service in Sta. Cruz, said the three farmers had made the rounds of government offices seeking assistance but only ended up frustrated because "no one among the authorities assured (them) of help."

She said local officials and Army soldiers had not thought to refer the farmers to the VFACom which monitors the conduct of the bilateral exercises and addresses the complaints of civilians.

The helicopters were seen dropping the bombs before landing at Sitio Macanta in Barangay Lucapon South, Ignacio said, citing the account of her son.

Other residents also reported seeing bombs allegedly being dropped on nearby Potipot island, she said, although no explosions were heard.

A source at the Air Transportation Office in Subic said the four US military CH-53 helicopters, together with a C-130 cargo plane, were bound for Basco, Batanes to refuel before returning to Potema, Japan.

One of the helicopters, however, experienced a "technical problem" and, along with the three other aircraft, stopped at one point in Zambales before returning to Subic.

On Friday night, the source said, all five aircraft were parked on the runway of the Subic International Airport. All five aircraft left Subic for Japan at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the source added.

Millet Morante, secretary general of the Kilusan Para sa Pambansang Demokrasya, said the incident "added more truth to the real life-threatening consequences of the war games to the safety of residents, their properties and their environment."

Morante cited the long list of "injuries, illnesses, deaths, displacement of communities, disruptions and pollution from military toxic as well as cultural distortions brought about by the exercises."

"This should be reason (enough) for the Macapagal administration to stop the war games and reject the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement," Morante said, referring to the agreement on logistics and operations about to be signed by the United States and the Philippines.

Remaining US troops won't be idle

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The United States soldiers who have stayed on in Basilan will not remain idle while they are waiting for the "Long-term Security Assistance Plan" to start in November.

Some 200 US soldiers were left behind in the island-province after the Balikatan 02-1 joint military exercises with the US ended on July 31.

Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, chief of Joint Task Force 510, said some of the soldiers will fight boredom by serving as a protection force for the US military's $250,000 humanitarian assistance program.

"We received about a quarter of a million dollars in medical funds that we can use to assist the people," Wurster said.

He said they had found that Tuburan town, a stronghold of the Abu Sayyaf bandit group, had the most number of people in need of medical help.

"We want to go to those areas and bring doctors and dentists and ophthalmologists so that we can provide medical assistance," Wurster said.

But he admitted that US military doctors, dentists and other medical personnel were apprehensive of the peace and order situation in the Tuburan area.

"We would probably need the assistance of the local leadership to create an environment where our people could come and help meet the medical needs of the population," he said.

Aside from the medical outreach program, Wurster said the remaining US forces would also be working on some basic infrastructure such as artesian wells. ***Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Gloria warns ‘rascal’ policemen

"CRIMINALS have no place in the police service."

Stepping up her anti-crime campaign, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday warned the police they were not immune from arrest and prosecution if they violated the law.

The President made the remarks in Malacañang, where national police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. presented to her a police superintendent, two policemen and two civilian informants who were arrested Friday for alleged highway robbery, extortion and car theft.

"Rascals" like them give the whole force a bad name, Ms Macapagal said, and so the Philippine National Police should clean up its own ranks, and be "more severe" with its own men and women.

The suspects were identified as Supt. Virgilio Jose, SPO1 Gonzalio Gultiano and PO3 Sergio Bendoy, all of the General Service Office of the Maritime Group, and Gaudencio Espibon and Marlu Amora, civilian assets of the group.

Ebdane said the suspects had stopped a vehicle with six passengers at gunpoint near the Coastal Road in Barangay Talaba, Cavite.

He said the group commandeered the vehicle and seized the passengers' belongings amounting to P35,000, including jewelry, cellular phones and cash.

The group then split up the victims and brought them to two separate locations while waiting for a P100,000 ransom from a relative, Ebdane said.

Members of the newly formed Police Anti Crime Emergency Response (Pacer) unit arrested Jose as he waited with two victims in his red Toyota Corolla in Cubao, Quezon City. The other victims were rescued in the company of the four other suspects in the victims' commandeered vehicle near the Hotel Rembrandt, also in Quezon City.

The victims—Ernesto Aringay, Rosalinda Garcia, Virginia Calipco, Rosque Prior, Arlene de la Cruz and Rodolfo Saspa—were unhurt.

Leny Prior, a relative of Prior's, had tipped the Pacer agents about the victims' whereabouts. She had earlier delivered part of the cash demanded by the suspects.

According to the victims, the suspects used the red Corolla to block their AUV. ***TJ Burgonio, with an AP Report***

Chavez takes case vs Bañez

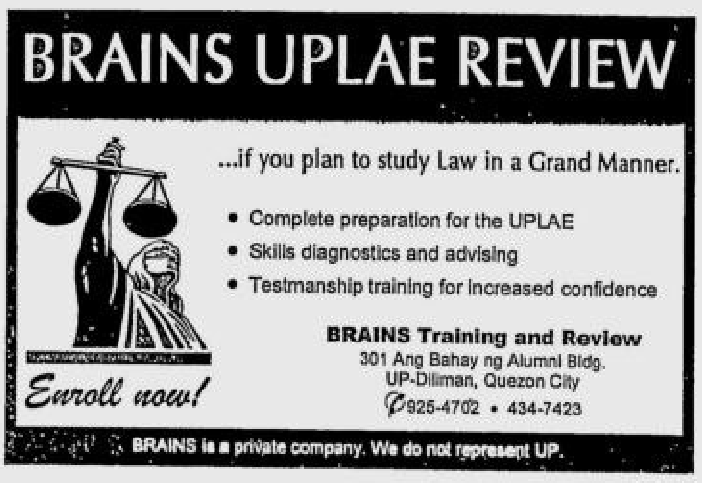
SOUTHERN Leyte Rep. Aniceto Saludo Jr. said yesterday former solicitor general Frank Chavez will be their lawyer when he and several other congressmen file criminal charges against Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Rene Bañez.

Saludo apparently hoped to ride on the momentum of Chavez's recent Supreme Court victory in the multibillion-peso PEA-Amari land case.

"Fresh from his win in the grandmother of all scams, Frank Chavez has agreed to be our counsel," Saludo announced at the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo Hotel press forum.

In a privileged speech, the administration congressman had accused Bañez of irregularities that supposedly cost the government billions in uncollected revenues.

Saludo said Bañez had allowed the Fort Bonifacio-Metro Pacific-PLDT conglomerate led by Manuel Pangilinan to escape heavy tax liabilities. The BIR chief was the conglomerate's former tax director and vice president for finance. ***Volt Contreras***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Sandiganbayan set to hear tax credit raps

By Michael Lim Ubac

TWO oil company managers, a former finance undersecretary and eight others are to be charged with graft for alleged complicity in the fraudulent issuance of tax credit certificates worth a total of P131.2 million from 1994 to 1997.

To be charged before the Sandiganbayan tomorrow are Pilipinas Shell treasury and taxation general manager Pacifico Cruz, Petron general manager Celso Legarda, former finance undersecretary Antonio Belicena and former finance officials Uldarico Andutan Jr. and Rowena Malonzo.

Also to be charged are six top officials of the Chingkoe group of companies—owners Faustino and Gloria Chingkoe, Faustino's brother Winston, and Catalina Bautista, Amante Ares and Reynato Andaya.

Belicena and Andutan have several graft cases pending before the anti-graft court for other allegedly fraudulent TCC issuances.

Since the issue of the tax credit scam erupted in 1999, the Ombudsman's Office has filed 175 cases with the Sandiganbayan.

Of that number, 62 cases against Belicena, Andutan and Petron and Shell executives were dismissed in August 2001. However, the Sandiganbayan reversed its ruling and revived the 62 cases this year.

The filing of the latest charges was approved by Overall Ombudsman Margarito P. Gervacio based on a resolution by the Ombudsman Preliminary Investigation and Detection Bureau (EPIB).

Because of his impending retirement, Ombudsman Aniano Desierto did not sign the Ombudsman resolution.

The respondents were ordered charged before the Sandiganbayan for approving or benefiting from the transfer of 42 TCCs from the Chingkoe-owned Diamond Knitting Industries to Shell and Petron.

The EPIB said respondents Belicena, Andutan and Malonzo conspired to issue the TCCs to Diamond Knitting by falsifying the documents to make it appear that the firm was operational at the time.

The panel, however, did not recommend the filing of plunder charges because of insufficient evidence.

Although it recognized that damage had been done to the government, there was no actual evidence showing that the respondents received money from the private respondents, the EPIB panel said.

Angara warns vs 'reckless borrowing'

SEN. Edgardo Angara decried yesterday the government's "reckless borrowing" binge, saying it has already incurred P382 billion in debts from foreign and local sources in the last 18 months, when its revenue collection was the lowest in Southeast Asia.

Angara said the government should stop its policy of reckless borrowing to finance its operation, but should craft a viable comprehensive effort to bring the country's tax effort to respectable levels.

"Instead of knee-jerk and high-profile proclamations to shore up the poor revenue effort of the bureaus of internal revenue and customs, the administration should carry out better policies in managing the country's finances," Angara said.

He said the country's tax effort—revenue collection over gross domestic product—was just a little over 11 percent, the lowest in Southeast Asia. Other countries in the region have tax efforts ranging from 19 to 22 percent.

"The gross mismanagement of the country's public finances makes drastic reforms in that sector imperative," Angara said.

He said borrowing recklessly to make up for poor revenue collections will pose bigger problems for the government later.

He said the high interest on the government's foreign borrowings has caused the country's international bonds to deteriorate.

Annual interest paid on the country's foreign borrowings was at more than 13 percent and was the highest in the Asia-Pacific, according to Angara. *Cynthia D. Balana*

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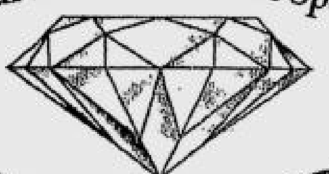

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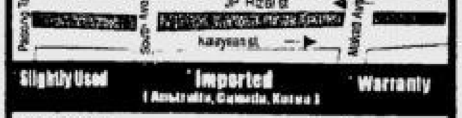

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Zuño: Low-key man for high-profile job

LARGELY unknown except in the legal community, Zuño left the courtroom where he had secured the conviction of Calauan Mayor Antonio Sanchez unnoticed by the media hounds.

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His colleagues at the DOJ also want him to be the next Ombudsman. His staff sing praises about him, saying that he had never spoken in anger and that he was an "ideal boss."

But there is a text brigade working against him, Zuño said. The text messages reportedly claim that he was being pushed by Perez to be the next Ombudsman so he could "cover up corruption at the DOJ."

Asked if there was any corruption at the department for him to cover up, Zuño said no in a typically Filipino fashion: "*Wala naman.*" He said he doesn't know who is spearheading the campaign against him.

He said he knows that the Ombudsman is a tough job which requires integrity and a history of credibility, not to mention a lot of guts.

"That's true. It's a big responsibility. I have been the chief state prosecutor for six years now. For a change, I'll try the Ombudsman. But I know it's a big responsibility. It's a challenge," he told the INQUIRER.

He said the position would be a big headache but said he does have something to contribute to the office.

No endorsement

He said he has declined to solicit the endorsement of politicians, even if well-meaning.

"If I get their endorsement, and fortunately, I get the position, then I will be beholden to these people. Each one will be claiming that if not for my recommendation, you would not be Ombudsman," Zuño said.

"If that's the case, then never mind. I wouldn't want that kind of arrangement, You cannot be effective (in the position)," he said in Filipino.

"It doesn't mean I will be ruthless. But the Ombudsman is supposed to be independent. How can you be independent, if you are beholden (to somebody)? It's like I will be asking the position on bended knees. No, I don't want to lose my dignity, *kaya bahala na si Presidente* (that's why I leave it all up to the President," Zuño said.

If he doesn't get the appointment, he said he'll stay on as chief state prosecutor, a post he has held since 1996.

Zuño doesn't see himself in politics, although his father was mayor of their hometown in Rosario, Batangas.

He believed that it was fate, or destiny, that led him to do work in the justice department. One thing he's sure of, however, is that he will keep the family name clean, as his parents had taught him.

"I reached this age, I was able to maintain my integrity, *Malinis naman ang pangalan ko. Ayaw ko naman, kung kailan ako tatanda, dun pa ako masisira* (My name is clean. I don't want to ruin it, now that I'm old)." Zuño said.

Zuño said he firmly believes in the justice system, but he is well aware of its shortcomings. In a meeting with INQUIRER editors, he candidly admitted that two of every five criminal cases the DOJ files get dismissed in courts because of faulty serving of search or arrest warrants.

"This is really a big problem," he lamented.

Before becoming chief, Zuño was named chair of the Special Prosecutor Task Force on Bank Frauds, which coordinates with the Central Bank in the investigation and prosecution of multimillion-peso bank fraud cases.

He also headed the Naia Task Force, which handled cases involving contraband smuggling.

Mango farm

To augment what he receives from the government, Zuño grows mangoes in a farm in Batangas.

Before becoming chief state prosecutor, he had stayed at the Pope Pius X dormitory on UN Avenue in Taft, Manila, to save money. On Fridays, he would leave his office at around 4 p.m. so he, along with his son, could catch the bus, parked at the Liwasang Bonifacio, to Rosario, Batangas.

He has a car now, he said.

Still, Zuño said he prefers to keep his family in the province. "It's much cheaper if they stay there," he told the INQUIRER.

Zuño is married to Dr. Eden Briones, now director of Mahal na Birheng Maria Hospital in Rosario, Batangas. They have two children, Jose Valeriano and Froilan.

If he had his way, Zuño said he wants none of his children to become a lawyer. "There are already too many of us," he said.

Gervacio is acting graft-buster

THE MAN most closely identified the just-retired Aniano Desierto was named to succeed him in acting capacity as the country's top graft-buster yesterday.

Margarito Gervacio Jr. will serve as acting Ombudsman until President Macapagal-Arroyo appoints the permanent replacement of Desierto, whose seven-year term ends today.

Gervacio, 64, who was overall deputy Ombudsman under Desierto, is a former trial court judge who rose through the ranks in the Ombudsman's office. He joined the office in 1984 as a prosecutor and was appointed overall deputy Ombudsman in 1999.

"We hope the President would consider appointing him as the next Ombudsman because he is a man of integrity and we know him to be highly competent," said Ombudsman staffers during the farewell party for Desierto on Friday.

Gervacio paid tribute to Desierto for "doing a good job despite the many criticisms thrown his way. He survived the many challenges and went on to prove his critics wrong," Gervacio said.

GERVACIO

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DIGEST BY R. B. VERA

Another low-key bet for Ombudsman

SPECIAL Prosecutor Leonardo P. Tamayo, a career official since 1957, recently received a strong endorsement from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (Pangasinan chapter) as the next Ombudsman.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto, who has retired, has announced that, if given the choice, he would rather have a member of the prosecution against deposed President Joseph Estrada as his replacement.

Tamayo is one of the lead prosecutors in the Estrada plunder case, along with Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno, Solicitor General Simeon Marcelo, Acting Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio and Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida.

The IBP-Pangasinan resolution, which was sent to President Macapagal Arroyo, cited Tamayo's "untarnished record in the government service for so many years."

It said Tamayo had "discharged his duties and obligations with proven competence, zeal, honesty, integrity, probity and independence."

Aside from the Estrada plunder trial, Tamayo has also been involved in such cases as the Aquino-Galman assassination case. As lead counsel in the case, he received commendation for the eventual conviction of the accused.

Despite the high-profile cases he has been involved in, Tamayo has kept a low profile.

"My job is the prevention and prosecution of graft in the government and I can look anybody in the eye an say I have done my job without fear or favor," Tamayo said.

Tamayo, a known family man and civic leader, is a law graduate of the University of the Philippines. He passed the bar in 1956.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 4, 2002
18th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Is 55:1-3**

Thus says the Lord: Come here, all you who are thirsty, come to the water! All who have no money, come! Yes, without money and at no cost, buy and drink wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not food and labor for what does not satisfy? Listen to me, and you will eat well; you will enjoy the richest of fare.

Incline your ear and come to me; listen, that your soul may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, I will fulfill in you my promises to David.

2nd Reading: **Rom 8:35, 37-39**

Brothers and sisters, who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Will it be trials, or anguish, persecution or hunger, lack of clothing, or dangers or sword?

No, in all of this we are more than conquerors, thanks to him who has loved us. I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor spiritual powers, neither the present nor the future, nor cosmic powers, were they from heaven or from the deep world below, nor any creature whatsoever will separate us from the love of God, which we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Gospel: **Mt 14:13-21**

On hearing about the death of John the Baptist, Jesus set out secretly by boat for a secluded place. But the people heard of it, and they followed him on foot from their towns. When Jesus went ashore, he saw the crowd gathered there and he had compassion on them. And he healed their sick.

Late in the afternoon, his disciples came to him and said, "We are in a lonely place and it is now late. You should send these people away, so they can go to the villages and buy something for themselves to eat."

But Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat." They answered, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fishes." Jesus said to them, "Bring them here to me."

Then he made everyone sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fishes, raised his eyes to heaven, pronounced the blessing, broke the loaves and handed them to the disciples to distribute to the people. And they all ate, and everyone had enough; then the disciples gathered up the leftovers, filling twelve baskets. About five thousand men had eaten there besides women and children.

Commentary

Hunger still kills hundred of thousands in our world today. A new multiplication of the loaves is needed. The Lord takes care of his people but we have to cooperate: "You give them something to eat" seems to say "it is our responsibility." God set on this earth all that humanity needs for food and development, but if we do not know how to listen to the Word, we will not know how to solve the world's most urgent problem, the distribution of the riches of the earth. Faith in God's promises is the only force with which to fight against egoism and unequal privileges, and it will eventually obtain food, peace and freedom for all. The crowd seated for a meal after listening to Jesus is the image of humanity united in the fraternal banquet of God.

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Go after grafters in Budget, Nene urges Boncodin

By Cynthia D. Balana

SENATE Minority Leader Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel yesterday urged Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin to find and prosecute the "fixers" in her department.

Pimentel said he had long been hearing about individuals at the Department of Budget and Management who follow up fund releases for others for a percentage of the amount. He hastened to add, however, that Boncodin had nothing to do with them.

The opposition senator said the practice has persisted because of the lack of a determined effort to go after the culprits.

"Secretary Boncodin should clamp down on those involved, and punish them," Pimentel said.

He advised Boncodin to strengthen her anti-corruption unit, if the campaign against grafters in the department was to be credible and effective.

As former chair of the Senate blue ribbon committee, Pimentel said he presided over the investigation of the 1999 textbook scam in which some DBM officials were implicated.

The Senate committee had recommended the criminal prosecution of textbook agent Mary Ann Maslog, who was found to have personally brought P3 million in cash to the DBM as a bribe while following up the release of a P200-million textbook appropriation for the Department of Education.

Also yesterday, Pimentel warned against a syndicate facilitating the release, also by the DBM, of the service equalization fund for local government units, in exchange for commissions.

Pimentel said the leagues of provinces, cities and municipalities should conduct an information campaign among governors, mayors and other local government officials against the syndicate.

More abuses feared in wake of US pact

BANGKOK—A human rights watchdog group said Saturday the anti-terrorism pact signed recently by Southeast Asian nations with the United States could lead to increased human rights abuses in the region.

Forum-Asia said it was concerned the agreement, signed between the United States and the 10-member Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) on Thursday, "may facilitate an increase in human rights violations and the silencing of political opposition by governments in the region."

"State authorities in Southeast Asia have long classified political dissidents and social activists as terrorists, and opinions which differ from the government as threats to national security," said Forum-Asia in a statement.

The anti-terrorism agreement commits its signatories to mutual assistance in a crackdown on the movement of terrorists, including border controls, the detection of fake passports and the movement of terrorist funds.

It also details improved intelligence-sharing on terrorist-financing and counter-terrorist measures, including the development of "more effective" counter-terrorism policies.

Bangkok-based Forum-Asia said it was already concerned over the arrest of scores of alleged al-Qaida-linked militants in Singapore and Malaysia, and the escalation of political and military campaigns against Muslim separatists in Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.

"Forum-Asia calls on governments around the world not to undermine civil liberties through the application of internal security legislation and anti-terrorism laws," it said. ***AFP***

11 Nokor defectors transit through RP

ELEVEN North Korean defectors transited through the Philippines from China on their way to South Korea, an immigration official at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport said on Saturday.

The 11 flew into the Philippines from China late Friday and immediately departed for South Korea, said immigration official Ferdinand Sampol.

No details were given, however, on the defectors' identities or how they were able to flee North Korea.

In recent months, the Philippines has served as a transit point for North Korean defectors who make their way to South Korea by entering China.

Both South Korea and China, however, have become tight-lipped about such defections following diplomatic squabbles in recent months over North Koreans seeking asylum in foreign missions in China ***AFP***

Nazareno to appeal

PHILIPPINE Deposit Insurance Corp. president Norberto Nazareno will ask the Ombudsman's office this week to reverse its decision suspending him for clearing a transaction already "perfected" by two government entities.

In a statement, Nazareno said his appeal would rely on the fact that he merely cleared a "regular" transaction that would have been concluded anyway even if he had decided otherwise.

The case stemmed from the transfer of P562.5 million in promissory notes issued by the National Food Authority from Urban Bank Inc. to the Land Bank of the Philippines two years ago.

On Thursday, the Office of the Ombudsman suspended Nazareno for a month and a day for clearing the transaction that, it said, was beyond his authority to do so as PDIC head. It found Nazareno guilty of acting in haste when he ap- [illegible] the transaction in favor of LandBank.

[illegible] d PDIC's decision not to object to [illegible] promissory notes to LandBank was based on legal guidelines and its experience of the past 38 years as the sole and mandatory receiver of closed banks." ***Raul C. Dancel***

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Bitter medicine

EDITORIAL

MANY must have already seen it. The TV commercial features a worried wife nagging her husband who has failed to take his multi-vitamins yet again. She talks about the high cost of medicine and the higher cost of getting sick, and ends by asking him, in Filipino: "Who do you think you are, a rich man?"

The commercial makes an effective pitch for the use of multi-vitamins in a personal health maintenance regime. It does so, in particular, by making a direct assault on a very Filipino notion: that of leaving tomorrow to take care of itself. It says, in effect, that only the rich—the very people who can afford to insure themselves against risk—can afford to take risks.

But in another context, this commercial produced by a major advertising agency for a product distributed by a multinational drug company unwittingly puts the spotlight on the entire pharmaceutical industry. Why? Because part of the reason why the price of medicine is high is the industry's own unusual pricing strategy. According to "Intersect," a monthly policy magazine published by the Institute on Church and Social Issues, drug prices in the country are 40 percent to 70 percent higher than those in other Asian countries.

The Macapagal administration has made the issue of high drug prices its own.

In her first State of the Nation Address, in July 2001, the President vowed to bring down the prices of the most commonly bought medicine by half. Last month, in her second Sona, she declared partial victory. In its review of the President's Sona targets, however, the congressional oversight committee was not as generous. It said that at the end of the one-year period, it found 74 government hospitals selling drugs at reduced prices. However, because the rate of reduction was in some instances less than half, the committee ruled the administration's performance on the issue a failure.

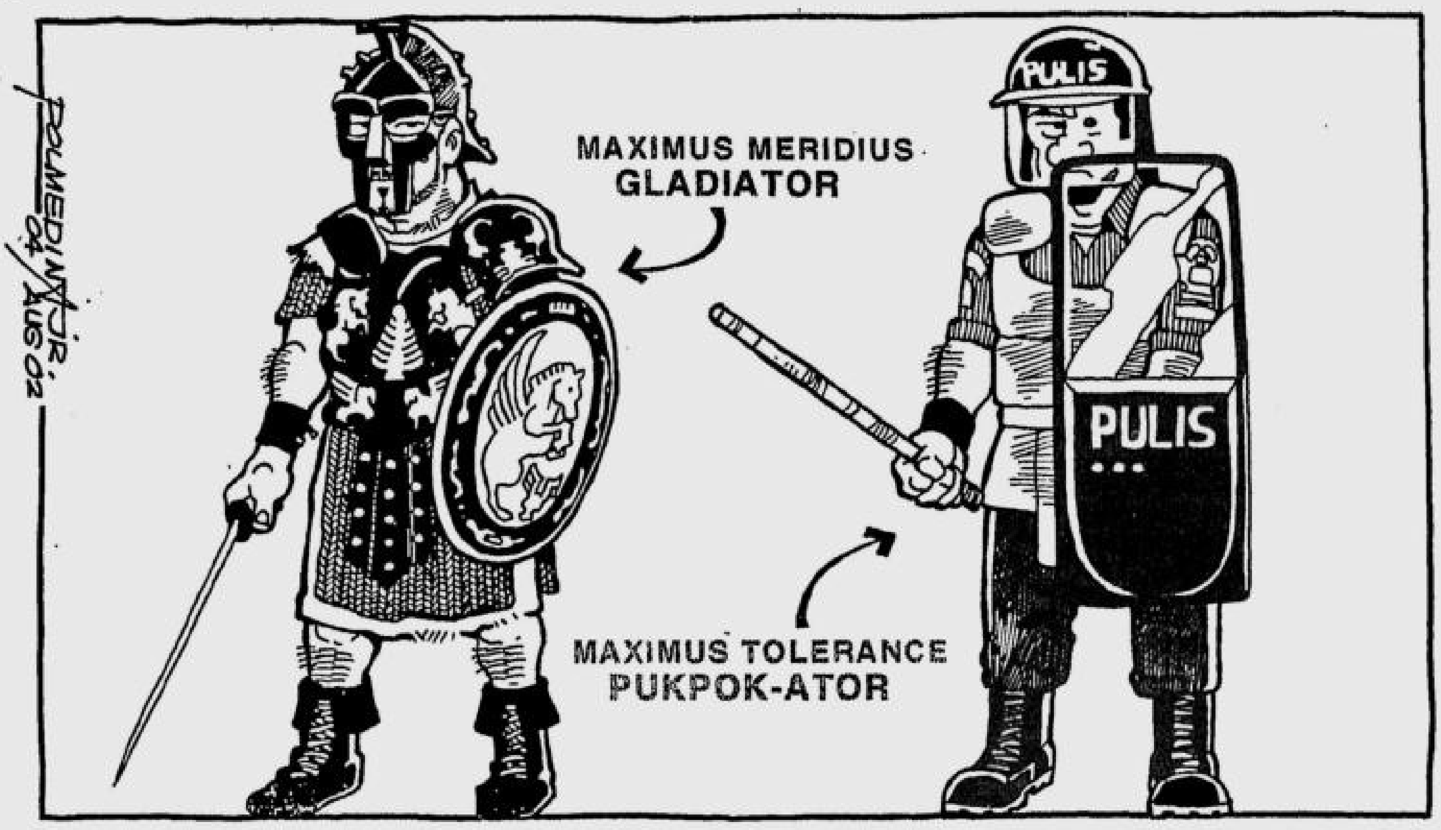
We will not be as categorical. It is clear that the government's initiative to bring down the price of medicine is a step in the right direction. What needs to be done is to build on the successes of the first year so that more lower-priced medicine will be available in even more outlets throughout the country.

The government's policy of allowing the so-called parallel importation of drugs—bringing in the same branded products from countries where prices are lower, to give consumers a choice and to pressure firms selling the same products to reduce their prices—must continue. This has its risks, because it effectively positions the government as a player in the drug industry, even if only temporarily. It puts the basic economic notions of free trade and a level playing field to a serious test.

But it is also the right policy at the right time. It does not undermine the value of a given brand, a basic principle of free enterprise. It is also very effective. ICSI gives an example: A unit of Ventolin, which is used to treat asthma, retails for P294.75. In hospitals of the Department of Health, however, it sells for P197.60, or a third less. Another example: Adalat Retard, a hypertension drug, sells for P34.15 per 20-mg capsule. But in DOH outlets, it retails for only P5.75, or four-fifths less. For Filipinos like the couple in the commercial who live from hand to mouth, the difference is not merely a matter of money but of quality of life.

To date, it is the government which does the parallel-importing, through the Philippine International Trade Corp. But if it is serious about giving more Filipinos the chance to buy lower-priced branded medicine, maybe it is time for the government to allow private companies to pitch in, to help bring in some of the most commonly used branded products. This is a purely temporary measure, and it may require an enabling law, but it can be used—together with the setting up of more distribution outlets—to create an irreversible momentum toward lower drug prices.

It may be bitter medicine for the industry, but tonic for health care as a whole.



An excess of politicians

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I RECEIVED a letter from Rico Xeres who, like many concerned citizens, deplores the present condition of our country. He blames it mainly on the politicians.

He notes that in a recent SWS survey, 19 percent of our people want to migrate; but what was more shocking was that 31 percent of them belong to the A-B category, the elite in our country and also its ruling class. Even among the richest in that class, he perceives "a sense of hopelessness about the future of our country. Many of them are sending their children to live abroad."

"We probably have the worst politicians in the whole of Asia," he says, "at par with the worst politicians in darkest Africa. The difference is that we are a country with a high literacy rate while most African countries have 90 percent or more illiterates. Usually, countries with a high educational rate have pretty good politicians, but the Philippines is a distinct exception."

Xeres notes that the Philippines has the highest number of provinces in the world. Indonesia, which has a land area five times bigger and a population 2-1/2 higher than ours, has only 26 provinces. Also with bigger land areas and higher populations, China has only 19 provinces and four territories and India has a little over 20 provinces and territories.

I share the reader's anxiety. At the latest count, the Philippines has 79 provinces, each with its elective governor, vice governor, board members, besides its appointive officials. This does not include the cities and municipalities, each with its own elective and appointive officials, and the officials of the barangay and the Sangguniang Kabataan.

Every three years, we choose all elective officials except the President, the Vice President and 12 members of the Senate, at much expense of badly needed public funds for more pressing but ignored projects. The barangay elections are also held every three years but at different intervals and extra cost.

The Constitution provides that every city with a population of 250,000 shall constitute at least one district in the House of Representatives. Every province that under the Local Government Code must have the same minimum population is similarly entitled. As our population continues to grow, many highly urbanized cities will automatically become separate congressional districts, even as more districts are added with the splitting of provinces.

The creation of more and more political subdivisions will increase the cost of operating them, with most of their revenues eaten up by the salaries of their personnel. Social services like education and health care, infrastructure, economic development and other urgent community needs will be shunted to provide for the upkeep of the politicians.

Politics is clearly the biggest if also the most harmful industry in the Philippines. The sad part is that most of our politicians do practically nothing except collect their pay, if they are not in fact engaged in sinister activities through abuse of their official positions. No less contemptible, they remain in office by sharing their loot with the voters in the form of free funerals and plenty of liquor.

There seems to be the impression among our so-called leaders—and this includes the framers of the Constitution—that the strength of democracy is proportionate to the number of its politicians. That is a stupid idea; even modern wars are not won by numbers. The strength of democracy derives from the character and not the number of its leaders. One hundred honest and competent persons can run a country better—regardless of its size—than a thousand crooks.

The present Senate is 20 members too many. Its incompetence and immaturity cry for its immediate dissolution. The House of Representatives is no less execrable, with hardly half of its more than 200 members deserving popular confidence. Many governors and mayors, along with their legislative officials, are no better. This could be one reason why their constituents are fleeing the provinces and congesting Metro Manila, which in fact is the worst of the lot.

Reduction of the number of our elective officials could go a long way in saving hundreds of millions of pesos that are now being dissipated as salaries and perquisites of favored politicians. The measure could also streamline the government by trimming the useless fat that is poisoning and debilitating the public service. Such an objective should be seriously considered in the proposed revision of the Constitution.

Xeres says "there is no reason why we cannot be one of the most progressive countries in Asia, for we are a very talented people… Our human resources are some of the best in the region. What is holding us back is the quality of our politicians, who are quite few compared to our 80 million population. Why should we allow them to keep our country poor and hopeless?"

Another reader, Consuelo D. Sison, who describes herself as a grandmother of 28 (not years but tots), is less despairing. Saying that many things can happen until the 2004 elections, "we should all pray that all our people remember that love is what makes the world go round. And if there is love, there will be peace. Let us the old ones give hope to our youth and help them keep their youthful faith and dreams in a future without hate and strife."

And also, I hope, with fewer politicians.

Comfort and convenience

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

UPON DISEMBARKING at the port of Ormoc last week, I saw this boy, who must have been 7 or 8 years old, selling boiled eggs. I cannot forget the worried, pleading and almost desperate look in his eyes. Who wouldn't be? It was already past mid-day, and he still had 20 eggs in his tray with not much prospect of a sale in sight.

My first impulse was to just buy everything so that perhaps he could just go home and rest or play. But what would I do with 20 eggs? Besides, what difference would my purchase make? It could help him only for just a day. Furthermore, wasn't it the government which was responsible for providing the needs of the poor?

These were my thoughts as I boarded the van. I had compassion on the boy, but in the end, I held on to my rationalizations and did not let go of my comfort and convenience zones, so here I am now holding a tray that is full of regrets and contrition.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 14, 13-21) Jesus was moved with pity for the crowd. So were the disciples. But for them, the convenient thing to do was to dismiss them, while for Jesus, the call of the moment was to "give them some food yourselves."

The test of love is to love and to give not only when it is comfortable and convenient. Question: Do I give and love till it hurts? Do I allow my compassionate heart to be crushed by my rationalizations and procrastination? How often do I shut out the presence of suffering around me? Do I give up loving just because it is uncomfortable or inconvenient?

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Some people spend money left and right, with no thought about people who are suffering around them. If the boy was able to sell all the 20 eggs, he would have had a net profit of P40 for that day. That amount was all he was hoping and praying for, and for many of us P40 is nothing.

Next time you are tempted to give in to your vices and *luho* (cigarettes, drinks, DI, GRO, etc.), remember that there are so many poor people who would be so happy if you would just throw your "crumbs" at them.

Jesus reminds us again that it is not enough to give. *Dapat give na give!* We must go out of our way, go beyond our comfort and convenience zones. Watch out for these four gives: Give, IF…; give, BUT…; give, IN ORDER THAT; give, 3X A DAY LANG." As we continue to grow, may we learn to give more, and to give without conditions.

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Why is it that some people have too much and some have not enough? Greed. Some people are never satisfied. How much money do you need in life to be happy? When does the raking in stop? When does one say, "Enough!"?

The bottom line is that we take nothing with us when we leave this world except the love we have shared and the goodness we have done. Amen.

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In Barugo, Leyte, I experienced saying Mass in the church where people had to use their umbrellas. Why? Because the church had no roof! A big contrast to some churches in Metro Manila which are so lavish and over-decorated.

To those individuals or parishes that do not know what to do with their money: Why don't you share and help build a chapel somewhere? Multiply your riches by sharing it with the people. Your riches will serve you long after you're gone, and will even help you reach your final destination.

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It is not easy to get sick, especially if you are alone. As a priest, I have to learn to take care of my own self, prepare my own medicines and food, etc., things which a husband would often take for granted because the family is there. But always, God provides. He sends people to make His presence and love felt, especially when we need it most. All these years, my experience is that God sends at opportune times people who make us realize that we are never alone, and if ever we are alone, we need not be lonely.

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The comfort room and the convenience store are the two places we often take so much for granted because they are there whenever we need them. In life, too, there are people we often take for granted because they are always there.

Who are these people who are always there for you and are at your beck and call? Don't take them for granted. Don't abuse them. They give you comfort and convenience. At least give them respect and care. Take time today to thank your parents, your helpers, your driver, your friend, your counsellor, your priest, your congressman and senators (?!). Do it now, not when they are no longer around.

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For some people, God is the great CR or the grand convenience store. Fine. I'm sure God can take it all. However, God is telling us in more ways than one to also be CRs and to be convenience stores to one another! God wants to use each one of us to give comfort and convenience to one another. Who is the CR of your life? Who is the convenience store of your life? Are you a CR and a CS to others, too?

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A moment with the Lord:

Disturb me, Lord, when life becomes too comfortable and convenient for me. Amen

The real score on MLSA

THE RP-US Mutual Logistics Support Agreement is presented as a technical agreement between two friendly defense departments. Like the Visiting Forces Agreement, it does not give the US forces basing rights. But the VFA plus MLSA could allow US forces, if they are so minded, to operate in the country without need of formal basing rights.

Even before the VFA, and after the bases closure in 1992, US forces had been coming for military exercises under the Mutual Defense Treaty. The VFA was put in to define the terms and conditions under which they may continue. Now President Macapagal-Arroyo and the United States have apparently decided to hold exercises continuously. And the Supreme Court finds no distinction between permanent and transient forces, in its Oct. 10, 2000 ruling on the VFA.

Whether or not the United States has studied this ruling closely, it allows the US forces to visit permanently. With the MLSA providing permanent structures, installations and facilities, US forces will need no formal agreement to operate the equivalent of intermediate bases in the country.

Do we want this or not? That is the core issue, and the people, not Ms Macapagal alone, should decide. For this reason, the MLSA need not be downgraded into a mere memorandum of agreement between two defense departments. It should at least be accorded the same status and dignity as the VFA.

Intended "to further the interoperability, readiness and effectiveness of [US and Philippine] military forces through increased logistics cooperation in pursuance of the Charter of the United Nations, RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty, and RP-US Military Assistance Agreement," the MLSA, says National Security Adviser Roilo Golez, will allow the United States to build permanent structures, installations and facilities in the country.

Under the doctrine pronounced by the Supreme Court in its ruling on the VFA, that requires a treaty, duly concurred in by the Senate under Article XVIII, Section 25 of the Constitution.

COMMENTARY

Francisco S. Tatad

Yet the two governments chose to bypass that route by downgrading the MLSA into a mere technical agreement, under the signature of the AFP chief of staff and the commander in chief of the US Pacific Command.

The 1947 military bases agreement was signed by President Manuel Roxas and US Ambassador Paul McNutt. The 1951 MDT was signed by Carlos P. Romulo, Joaquin Elizalde, Vicente J. Francisco and Diosdado Macapagal for the Philippines and by Dean Acheson, John Foster Dulles, Tom Connally and Alexander Wiley for the United States. And the VFA, by Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr. and US Ambassador Thomas Hubbard.

Ms Macapagal insists that the MLSA is not a treaty and needs no Senate vote. She could learn from the VFA experience. She must not exclude the Senate from the process.

The VFA could have been composed as a mere technical appendage to MDT. After all, US troop visits had been ongoing under the MDT. But the government decided that the VFA should be a treaty. The only question was under what constitutional provision should the Senate concur in it.

Aside from Article XVIII, Sec. 25, Article VII, Sec. 21 provides: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate."

Both provisions require a two-thirds vote. But under Article XVIII, Sec. 25, the United States would have to expressly "recognize" the VFA as a treaty, and we in the Senate then saw this to mean the same process of ratification by the United States, with the Senate's advice and consent.

Under US domestic law, an agreement like the VFA is an executive agreement, which the US president never submits to the advice and consent of the Senate. In light of this, then President Joseph Estrada sought Senate concurrence under Article VII, Sec. 21, which did not carry the same conditions as Article XVIII, Sec. 25. And the Senate concurred on the same basis.

The opposition, however, raised the issue to the Supreme Court, saying Article XVIII, Sec. 25 was controlling, and that without the advice and consent of the US Senate, the VFA would have no force and effect.

The Court upheld the government's position. But it also held that since the VFA was about troop visits, and the Constitution made no distinction between permanent and visiting forces, Article XVIII, Sec. 25 should apply.

As for the United States ratifying the VFA with the Senate's advice and consent, the Court found it sufficient that US Ambassador Hubbard had written to Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago saying the VFA was legally binding on the United States and that in international law "an executive agreement is a treaty."

The Court failed to consider that since the MDT already allowed US troops to come for military exercises, the VFA's only purpose was to define the legal terms and conditions of their visit, not authorize it. The Court failed to see that since the Constitution does not legislate in a vacuum, it had no need to underline the obvious: that it was bases, troops and facilities similar to those that had existed under the 1947 agreement which Article XVIII, Sec. 25 sought to prohibit, except under the treaty it fully describes.

By making no distinction between permanent and transient forces in the VFA, the Court, in effect, gave the US forces a license to overstay. This is not basing rights, just as the MLSA is not basing rights. But the VFA and the MLSA together could be used to allow the US forces to operate freely as though they had basing rights.

Is this good or bad for Filipinos? This is where the nation must be heard.

The author co-sponsored the Senate resolution concurring in the ratification of the Visiting Forces Agreement.

Women of Butuan

WE turned left at an intersection along the dirt road marked by banners in four different colors: black, red, gold and white, the traditional colors of the Manobo people. A few meters down, we came upon a cluster of huts roofed with nipa and dry grass. There was a small garden in the center of the clearing, while banners lined the path. But the loudest splashes of color came from the outfits some of the women wore, red robes and blouses trimmed in gold, white and black, adorned with strings of beads in eye-catching patterns and designs. The barangay captain, a woman, approached us with an outstretched hand and a dazzling smile. Then another woman, clad in a tribal costume, came to greet us, her arrival heralded by the tinkling of small brass bells hanging from her waist, a family heirloom, she said.

We were paying a visit to the Manobo Demo Park in Barangay Pianing, Butuan City, where about 400 residents belong to the Manobo tribe. Agnes Carlos, the city population officer and head of the Women's Center, had brought me there to meet the community women, many of whom had taken part in a literacy project that has won for Butuan national recognition.

The Demo Park is meant to be a showcase of Manobo culture and of environmental projects, since Pianing lies within a watershed from which Butuan sources its water. Agnes says the city government, under the administration of Mayor Daisy Plaza, has sought to provide livelihood projects for the barangay folk to discourage them from further destroying the fragile ecosystem of the watershed.

At the same time, says Agnes, there's also a need to help the Manobos preserve their culture and traditions while bringing them up to date with contemporary life.

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PERHAPS the "entertainment" numbers meant to enliven our short program are illustrative of this dilemma.

The first number was a dance performed by four schoolchildren, two boys and two girls, to a modern pop song which had the children bumping and grinding like miniature "Sex

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

Bomb" dancers and "Hunks." "At least it isn't 'Angelina,'" I muttered to my seatmate, the Neda regional director, who joined us on the visit.

The second number was more traditional, with two elderly women and a middle-aged man performing a tribal dance to the beat of a drum and gong. As expected, we the visitors were urged to join in the dance, and our only consolation was that at least we were only asked to follow the beat and try to imitate the movements of a bird, and not to bump and grind like "*giling girls.*"

Caught in the vise of tradition and modernity, how will the Manobos stay true to their ancient ways while adapting to the demands of the present? And how could local officials bring the fruits of development to their community without endangering their ways and mores?

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MY main reason for visiting Butuan this time was to turn over a check to Mayor Plaza, in behalf of the women's group Pilipina, as assistance for a livelihood program for women centered on floriculture, to be administered by the Women's Center.

It was my good fortune that the visit was timed with the celebration of Butuan's 52nd Charter Day, the highlight of which was apparently a stab at establishing a world record by preparing the world's longest "*palagsing*," a kind of "*suman*" native to Butuan made of native *sago* and an indigenous form of cassava. "We'd like to make it to the Guinness Book of Records," remarked Agnes laughingly, "but the problem is, no one else makes *palagsing* in the world!"

The whole city was agog with news that Mark Logan, who does an offbeat oddity segment for the nightly news show "TV Patrol," was flying in to do a story on the mega-*palagsing*. But the opportunity for Butuan to land on primetime TV fizzled when Logan failed to make it, apparently finding some other odder story.

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BUT, Butuan is not about to cry over its overlooked *palagsing*. Aside from the visit to Pianing, another highlight of my visit was a dinner with members of the Women's Business Council as well as with the volunteer-officers of Habitat and the Toastmasters Clubs in the city.

We had a wide-ranging dialogue, from the dilemmas inherent in organizing women and raising their feminist consciousness, the effectiveness of micro-credit programs, to addressing the problems of violence against women and the difficulties that lie in counseling women who don't seem ready yet to leave their abusive partners.

As I told the women, the first time I addressed professional women in Butuan many years ago, we were still in the thick of discussing whether women had the "right" to assert their independence and autonomy. Today, the talk has shifted to action and direction. Quite a distance, indeed!

This account of my very brief visit to Butuan would not be complete without mentioning a visit to "QT's Creations," a small home-based enterprise run by Eisa M. Tiu, a 21-year-old bead artist and entrepreneur who looks like she's still in high school. Agnes brought me to the Tius' compound (Eisa's father chairs the private-sector tourism council, while her mother is active in civic affairs) when I told her I was interested in unusual beaded jewelry. Upon catching sight of "QT's" collection of beaded necklaces, chokers, bracelets, anklets and earrings, I quite literally went wild and ended up spending more than I should have. But in Eisa, Butuan already has the beginnings of a new generation of dynamic entrepreneurial businesswomen.

Words

THE MEANING of a word is never fixed, philosophers tell us. Even dictionaries offer alternative meanings. We thus look for a word's meaning in the context of its use. There we find that meanings constantly shift, expressing images, but also suppressing others. That is why texts are full of tension.

In the past few days, we have been served a menu of undecidable words: "strong republic" (referring to the aspiration of the Macapagal administration), "accounting arrangement" (referring to the Mutual Logistic Support Agreement or MLSA), and "calibrated tolerance" (referring to the policy that the government intends to use with demonstrations), to name but a few. These words are meant to express something, but we can sense they are also "doing" something. Nowhere perhaps has Wittgenstein's statement been truer: "Words are deeds."

The concept "strong republic" dominated the President's recent State of the Nation Address. She wielded it like a shield against terrorism, crime, separatism, insurgency and poverty. She talked about "empowered institutions" as the weapon of choice in the conquest of poverty. But she meant much more.

In the context of our national experience, we know what else a strong government can do other than to address the problem of poverty and criminality. It can turn its power against the people. Thirty years ago, Ferdinand Marcos invoked lawlessness and poverty as the principal reasons for declaring martial law. He said his goal was to "save the republic" and his preferred way was through a "constitutional authoritarianism." Unimpeded by debate, and cloaked with absolute powers, he then made quick decisions that perked up the economy, made the streets safe, and built homes for the poor. But he also took control of the media, locked up his critics and gave the military the power to detain suspected dissidents indefinitely.

Marcos cleverly tapped into the basic insecurities of a young nation. Demoralized by the relent

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

less squabbling of its politicians and lack of national direction, the public welcomed the rise of a leader who would take charge of their lives and restore political stability. Marcos presented himself as a willful leader who would take care of a weak and confused people. He created a dictatorship, no matter how hard his publicists tried to soften it with words like "smiling martial law" or "constitutional authoritarianism."

The word "republic," with all its references to a representative democracy freely chosen by the people, vanished. The glossy label "New Society" took its place. Marcos terminated the tension between the two basic functions of a republican state—to [illegible] the interests of the people and to ensure their meaningful participation in their own governance—in favor of a strong state free from accountability.

A strong state and a strong people need not be incompatible with one another. To me, a strong people paves the way for a strong state, but not vice-versa. Our experience with Marcos taught us that the only way to ensure that a strong state is not built on the back of a weakened people is by protecting the people's right to dissent.

Today, the right to dissent is precisely what we may lose under the so-called policy of "calibrated tolerance." What the government really means is the end of tolerance and the use of force against those it perceives to be breaking the law. Under its concept of law—"no permit, no rally"—dissent will not flourish. Organizers of political protest do not secure permits. The Constitution does not require them to do so. The law only requires that, in the exercise of their basic rights and freedoms, citizens take responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

But there is no way this government can stifle dissent without being reminded at every turn of its own origins. On a bright day in January 2001, together with thousands of other demonstrators, I stood next to Roilo Golez on J.P. Laurel Street eyeballing the police across a barbed wire barricade that stood between the people and the presidential palace. None of us had a permit. But how easily power induces amnesia in people. Today, as national secretary adviser, Golez, the inventor of the measured phrase "calibrated tolerance," has conveniently forgotten the acts of public defiance that installed the government he now serves.

But then amnesia seems to afflict us all. It is the only reason I can think of that would explain President Macapagal's confident transactional approach to the new American military presence in our country. She clearly has forgotten how, just a decade ago, a patriotic Philippine Senate said "No" to the material aid that the Americans were dangling before a needy nation in exchange for a new treaty that would extend their stay. The United States said we were foolish to defy their wish and they made sure we would not forget what it meant to say "No" to America. When they left, they hauled everything they could carry, compounding the desolation that Mt. Pinatubo had wreaked upon the base lands.

Today the very language in which the proposed MLSA is defended betrays the same shameless mendicant pragmatism that guides our present dealings with the Americans. It is nothing but an "accounting arrangement," Foreign Secretary Blas Ople assures us, echoing his boss. Well if it is, the nation is entitled to know in clear language what it is giving up in exchange for what it is being promised.

But then clarity has never been the strong suit of those in power. Their talent is the use of words not to edify but to stupefy.

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Let's remain friends

THE REACTIONS to "Wake-up call" (June 30) and "Issues for Church reform" (July 14) have been too revealing to pass up. They came from priests, lay persons, lay leaders, Scripture and theology professors, science and philosophy aficionados, and a Filipino living in the United States. Just a tiny minority, you might say, but minorities like the 1.6 percent of erring priests, the 19 percent who want to leave the country, the 35 percent who are unhappy with our democracy make statements that must be heeded. If it is true that the democratic majority is often sleeping and silent, nothing would change.

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

Judging from the letters, some clarifications must be made to clear the air between those who are pushing for reform and those who resist it as if it were a "revolution." Some may see differences that don't exist, or opponents where there are none.

Calls for reform are addressed to the institutional or hierarchical Church, not to the Mystical Church, the Church of the Spirit that dwells within us, that gives us life and binds us as one in grace and faith, and which is always "unfailingly holy."

That the Church in its governance has not always been "unfailingly holy" in the black spots of its past and in the murky spots of the present does not taint the unassailability of the Living Church. It is not discrediting the Church to admit that it was not unfailingly holy when the Inquisition spanning several hundred years condemned Galileo and Joan of Arc and who-knows-how-many; when it burned reformer Jan Hus at the stake, when it expelled peoples who refused to "follow the religion of the rulers," when it amassed untold wealth and power as it played politics to the hilt.

The same can be said of the Church's immortality. Regardless of the shape the visible Church is in, it will prevail till the end of time. There is no need to bristle in its defense: "The Church, Holy and Immortal, Shall Prevail! Nothing stains Her, not even infamy rising from Her ranks.... betrayed ignobly from within, attacked fiercely from without, nothing can disturb her serenity. The gates of hell shall not prevail." And as the writer insinuated, did the "firebrands fomenting revolution" look like the "smoke of Satan"? The final flourish was a repeat of Pope Urban II's call to arms for the first Crusade, "God wills it! God wills it!" Which was quite odd since Pope John Paul II has since apologized for those bloody military expeditions.

The dogmas too are not under attack. The Creed is intact. Likewise are the principles of morality (except in its reading and application—only time will tell). But one well-meaning hardliner will not budge from his position: "Any Catholic who denies but one dogma excommunicates himself from the Church..... Now the truth that there is no salvation outside the Church is a dogma, (although he gives a concession for conscience).... Let me insist: Whoever denies the truth of a dogma does not do the will of God."

Lines may be drawn in situations like this. How sad, for a house divided is the worst house of all especially when it is pretending that it is not. How sad to see the Church reduced to players watching who has the upper hand and who is in the inner circle. Let's admit that there is a rift between conservative and progressive elements. As long as "these two tendencies try to cancel each other out" and not enter into sincere and sober dialogue, the Church is in for rough sailing.

Meanwhile as we theorize about what's happening at the top, it's down below where problems upstairs are really felt. Let some letters speak for themselves:

On the lack of priests and the capability of the laity: "My brother is a parish priest in upstate New York and he told his parishioners that in two years, he would retire and no one would replace him so maybe they together should plan how they could run the parish themselves—since he was certain they were perfectly capable of doing so. Visitors from the Netherlands said the same thing. There are no priests anymore so they became a tighter community and divided up the tasks of the parish."

On priests and priesthood: *"Marami po sa ating kaparian ay* concentrated *lamang sa* KBL—*Kasal, Binyag at Libing*."

Another: "I have often wondered why the washing of the feet by its leaders never became the sacrament of priesthood. There is more evidence for its sacramental nature than for several of the others we have! Imagine it as such. Would we have clergy seeking positions of power and class? Would they not take on the appearance of the one... to serve rather than be served? Many of them are true servants who once a year carry out an act that is the essence of their priesthood."

And another: "As a lay minister... some communicants cross the line in front of me just to get into the other queue in front of a priest... no lay minister should begrudge that... but priests should be conscious of their dignity and behave in such a way that they do not dishonor the institution that Christ founded."

On the frustrations of parish work: "Sabi ninyo, 'The pedophile cases could have been discovered earlier if lay workers were privy to the workings in the parish.' *Iba ang pananaw ko dito. Kapag kayo po ay* lay leader, *alam na alam ninyo ang pinakasulok-sulukang sekreto ng kaparian. Ang lagay po ay nalagyan na lang ng* masking tape *ang mga bibig niyan*; open secrets *po sa madaling salita.... Sabi ninyo na ang* laity *ay dapat* 'co-equal and co-responsible' *pero 'yung mga* leader *ay* handpicked *lamang*. Mam Asuncion, *tama po 'yan; iyan po ay ang organisasyong* 'Opo Father'."

Eleven were for reform; two, against; one for, with reservations. One said there will be no call for reform from the top. I am sure Christ wants us to think. Faith may be blind but it isn't meant to be a blinder.

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"To put somebody in deportation proceedings for failing to report a change of address is like using a nuclear bomb to kill a fly."

—Denyse Sabagh, Washington immigration lawyer on the new United States policy on non-citizens

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TALK of the TOWN

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Are pre-need companies healthy?

COMPANIES offering educational, pension and life plans are called pre-need firms because they prepare for the people's future needs. Selling these plans is big business. In 2001 alone, pre-need firms sold more than P38.6-billion worth of plans.

The industry was so attractive that the number of pre-need firms grew from just one in 1966 to more than a 100 by 1999.

But lax regulation and the economic slowdown have taken their toll on the industry. By this year, only 45 pre-need firms have renewed their operating licenses. More than 92,000 plan holders were adversely affected by the closure of 13 firms.

Some companies have apparently fudged their numbers, coming up with unrealistic assumptions on interest rates. This practice, along with heavy investments in stocks, real estate and related businesses, has resulted in recurring trust fund deficiencies. A deficiency places in grave doubt the ability of pre-need firms to meet future claims by plan holders.

At least eight companies incurred trust fund deficiencies of P4 billion as of May, 2001, of which P2.59 billion was accounted for by industry leader College Assurance Plan (CAP). The past several days, however, six pre-need firms were able to cover their deficiencies save for CAP and another firm.

The recurring trust fund deficiencies have prompted legislators to call for stricter monitoring of the industry like placing it under the Insurance Commission.

'Pre-need firms don't need more rope to hang themselves'

By Tarlac Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
Principal author of HB 246, The Pre-need Plan Code of the Philippines

ATTEMPTS have been made to pass a law to regulate the pre-need industry. Claiming to be a Filipino invention, which has grown from a single company in 1966 to more than 100 firms by 1999, the industry resisted efforts to be regulated like banks or insurance firms.

Why change, when the pre-need companies thrived (in fact grew by as much as 20 percent in sales per annum) under the kind of supervision the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) applied to the tens of thousands of corporations registered under it, they are quick to retort. The industry clung to the norm of ad hoc regulations better suited for manufacturing, trading and marketing companies.

But by 1999, reports of pre-need companies going bankrupt, undercapitalized firms absconding and trust fund deficiencies surfaced. Receivers were being appointed to liquidate insolvent companies and to refund, to the despair of middle-class plan holders, as little as 16 percent of what they had painstakingly paid (i.e. as in the case of Success Educational Guarantee Systems Inc.).

Together with yet another attempt at a pre-need bill, a congressional inquiry into the state of the industry was called this year to provide the legislative framework for the stability of the industry and protection of millions of subscribers.

Again, the industry demonstrated its single-minded resolve to maintain the status quo. It denied that it was in trouble and objected to being regulated by the Insurance Commission. It allowed the passage of the pre-need bill in the House but only if supervision stayed with the SEC. The trust deficiencies, the industry assured, were to be cured promptly. That was three years ago.

SEC awakening

Under SEC Chair Lilia Bautista, strict rules were promulgated on Sept. 21, 2001 to respond to what was, at the least, the regulators' and legislators' insecurity. After all, it was difficult to picture a typical pre-need company. In the absence of standards, the players ranged from fly-by-night operators to multi-billion peso entities. Practices varied from hard-selling tactics to passive corporate riders. Initially maintaining its denial posture, the industry balked at the new SEC rules.

If the SEC's earlier "ad hoc" supervision of the pre-need industry largely contributed to its "success," then why is there an uproar over its condition now? True, growth in sales is a form of corporate yardstick—nonetheless a crude and myopic one. But is not the delivery of commitments to five million subscribers the greater measure of sound business?

Can we label a pre-need operation successful when the trust fund for its subscribers is deficient and yet its corporate balance sheet appears healthy? Should there be a conflict between the company's and subscribers' interests?

By opting for unregulated flexibility, the industry has asked for the proverbial "rope." More than half of the more than 100 pre-need companies have indeed "hanged" themselves. Of these, 10 were liquidated, dissolved or under receivership; 13 stopped selling plans; 10 have lost their licenses; three stopped selling and have no known addresses. We wonder how many subscribers are affected by these misfortunes. We wonder too if the stockholders and executives of these firms have shared the same fate as their subscribers.

For the sake of their critical-mass clientele, the 45 remaining companies must survive and grow in a stable regulatory environment. No more "rope," please.

There is reason to doubt the integrity of the annual actuarial calculations on the adequacy of trust funds when such deficiencies recur yearly despite prior—year deficiency contributions. The economy is certainly not on a bull-run. But unless interest rate assumptions are consistently so out of this world, deficiencies of such magnitudes cannot recur yearly. Data may prove that over-optimistic assumptions have been used. If so, was this due to incompetence or to bad faith in order to understate deficiencies, which are already staggering as reported? Or will government regulators be unfairly blamed again for not being vigilant?

Change of tune

It is clear that the new SEC rules have benefited the industry. Perhaps, the problems would have been greater without these controls. Or worse, the problems might have remained hidden under the carpet.

Who can justify under-capitalization? Investing in doubtful and related companies? Interlocking directorships? Directing bank investments and calling it trust account? Lack of public transparency? Failure or delay in payments? Conflicts of interest ala "Dosri" as established by Agile, a think-tank funded by USAID?

As the cat is out of the bag, it seems that the Philippine Federation of Pre-Need Companies, Inc. has accepted the inevitability of change. In their letter to me, they declare that "the industry has undergone a lot of changes." Thanks, they say, to major catalysts like us (Lapus, Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas III and Bautista) whose efforts "forced" them to "take a good look" at the industry and "to commit to take some bitter medicine for the good of our clients and stakeholders." This attitudinal change is the first step in a journey of a thousand miles.

Capitalization

Our House Bill No 246 puts into law the important provisions, many of which are adopted in the new SEC rules. It requires a minimum capitalization of P100 million, a liquidity reserve fund, publication of financial and trust fund statements, accounting and actuarial standards, and designates the Insurance Commission (IC) as the regulatory agency for the pre-need industry.

In 1995, the Department of Finance recognized that the character of the pre-need business required IC supervision. The memorandum says that whether the product is insurance or pre-need, if premiums are payable over a number of years, it is necessary to provide a reserve.

The IC implements all these for insurance. The SEC does not do so for pre-need business. A rationalization of regulation to provide a level playing field for players in the insurance and pre-need industries is best effected by the IC. Moreover, some pre-need companies are not limiting their business to rendering services in case of death of the plan holders. They also assume mortality risks like life insurance companies do.

To be sure, pre-need has its unique character. It is neither purely insurance nor purely non-insurance. Certain variations like trust funds and other differences must be taken into account.

However, the very features of pre-need products take the form of life insurance more than of other products. It is normal work for the IC to evaluate actuarial projections, nature and quality of investments, ratings and financial conditions. The IC conducts regular examination of companies to assure the public of the insurers' solvency at all times.

Thus, the IC is set up with an Actuarial Division, Rating Division, Investment Division, Examination Division and Financial and Auditing Division.

On the other hand, the SEC recently had to establish a new unit for pre-need despite having supervised this industry for more than 35 years. This new unit is a clear duplication of an existing discipline at the IC. The IC can adapt more easily to this modified responsibility.

Pre-need companies, like banks and insurance companies, are imbued with sensitive public trust on hard-earned savings. They must behave and be regulated like they were publicly owned companies—transparent, competent and conservative. As in the US Corporate Reform Law, unethical and deceptive practices in such firms must carry stiff penalties, including imprisonment.

Players ranged from fly-by-night operators to multibillion firms

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'We deserve some respect'

By Juan Miguel M. Vazquez
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OUR industry is over 35 years old. We deserve some respect.

We have touched more than 10 million Filipino subscribers and their beneficiaries. We have been giving livelihood to more than 200,000 people directly as employees or as self-employed sales professionals.

We sold more than P38.6 billion worth of pre-need plans in 2001 alone. We have trust funds of more than P36.5 billion of which P13.6 billion is in government securities.

In short, we are a large, solid and responsible industry, earning a place in the hearts and minds of the Filipino family and contributing to government revenues through the taxes we pay.

The problems of any member of our industry do not mean that the industry itself is not healthy. There is no industry, no matter how heavily regulated, that has not experienced any business failure.

There are many more banks that have closed and displaced countless more depositors than our industry. But to generalize and say that the failure of one or two is the weakness of an entire industry is grossly unfair and improper.

To cast doubt on our entire industry is tantamount to scaring the millions of Filipino clients who benefit from our services and deserve security and peace of mind.

They should not be scared into panicking by sensationalism and headlines that do not reflect the content and body of the actual news report.

Filipino invention

True, newspapers must sell, but they should be sensitive first to the truth, to our millions of countrymen and to the good players who put capital in this unique Filipino invention.

True, like all industries we have had our share of problems especially during this very difficult economic climate. But these problems are being addressed.

We consider it a great privilege to care for our stakeholders. We readily listen to the concerns and suggestions of our leaders like Trade Secretary (then a representative) Mar Roxas and Rep. Jesli Lapus.

We have studied their template and list of issues, and since 1999, have worked pro-actively with our regulators in seeking improvement and better rules to strengthen our industry.

And we are proud of many of the changes that have been put in place since then.

We are equally proud that, despite the millions of lives we touch, only 366 complaints have been filed with the SEC in 2001. And each complaint is being directly acted upon by our federation and regulator.

In closing, we reiterate, that after all is said and done, the fact is our industry is healthy, stable and has the liquidity to meet all our current commitments as they fall due.

'Stay away from firms with trust funds tied to real estate and stocks'

By Evangeline C. Escobillo
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A TRUST fund must provide a sufficient source of money at any given time to pay for current and future obligations.

The fund has been commonly confused with the actuarial reserve liability (ARL).

The trust fund is an asset account in which the payment of benefits is made, while the ARL is a liability account and is equal to the value of all obligations of a pre-need company to plan holders. SEC rules require that the trust fund be at least equal to the ARL to ensure that assets cover all obligations.

A trust fund is said to be adequate when the ARL is correctly computed. And, the ARL is correctly computed when the actuary uses realistic assumptions on interest rate, tuition and inflation rates as in the case of education plans, and plan termination rates.

Unfortunately, some actuaries use high interest rate assumptions, like 15 percent a year when the projected interest to be earned is much less. Along with understated tuition, these two assumptions result in a deflated ARL. The ARL is further deflated [illegible]n a wrong reserve valuation formula is used. [illegible] review of one ARL valuation, the company's ARL as reflected in the balance sheet was understated by as much 84 percent because of unrealistic assumptions on tuition. It was understated by another 36.5 percent because of an inflated interest rate.

Assuming that the computed ARL is correct, the next concern is sufficiency of the trust fund. Sufficiency depends on adequate deposits by the company, good investment performance, and stability in the value of assets. Insufficiency becomes emphasized when some assets of the trust fund such as stocks and real estate depreciate. Stocks and real estate are most likely to depreciate during an economic crisis. So, stay away from trust funds heavily invested in these assets.

Because of its importance to plan holders, the adequacy of the trust fund must be monitored frequently. A bad investment decision can diminish the fund. This is where the regulator with the cooperation of the trustee bank plays a very important role.

Because not all benefits mature at the same time, a trustee bank can invest the fund in various assets of different maturing periods and returns. Prudence in investment and cash management is needed when managing trust funds.

When the trust fund is lower than the ARL, assets must be transferred to the trust fund from other sources. If the company has no other sources, then, new capital must be infused

The WORLD

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US, Britain brand Iraq offer of talks a bluff

LONDON—Britain and the United States on Friday warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein could be bluffing by inviting the chief UN arms inspector to Baghdad for talks, but Russia called the move an important step towards resuming inspections.

"Saddam has a long history of playing games. As his track record shows, he does not deliver," said a spokesperson for Britain's Foreign Office.

In Washington, a senior US State Department official, who asked not to be named, said: "How many times have they written these letters and say 'we'll do this, we'll do that?' "It's clear what they have to do. It's very much a habit of trying to generate a news spin as if there is something new, some breakthrough."

In a letter delivered Thursday to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Baghdad invited chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix to visit the country for talks that could lead to the resumption of inspections, halted in December 1998.

The move came amid growing speculation that US President George W. Bush was considering military action to overthrow Saddam, accused by Washington of developing weapons of mass destruction and providing safe haven to terrorists.

In Moscow, the Russian foreign ministry hailed the announcement as an "important step in the right direction towards resolving the crisis through political and diplomatic means," based on UN Security Council resolutions.

Russia opposes a US military strike on Baghdad, branded by Bush as part of an "axis of evil," and wants the country to allow weapons inspectors to return in exchange for a lifting of crippling UN economic sanctions. *AFP*

Over 90 percent of Britons spurn war with Iraq

LONDON—Over 90 percent of Britons polled by a British tabloid newspaper voted against British Prime Minister Tony Blair joining in any US-led attack to topple Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Nearly 91 percent of the 10,240 callers to a Daily Mirror phone poll said "No" to US President George W. Bush's preferred strategy of removing Saddam by force, the tabloid said Saturday.

In total only 959 callers said "Yes" to the question "Do you support a war on Iraq," whereas 9,281 said "No."

Earlier Friday Bush vowed to press ahead with action for "regime change" in Iraq after a cool response from Washington and London to Saddam's surprise offer of talks about readmitting UN weapons inspectors to the country. *AFP*

Despite all he faces, Bush takes month-long leave

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush packed his bags Friday for his month-long vacation that, despite its billing as a working holiday by the White House, is the source of much humor for critics and Democrats alike.

The US leader was to spend the weekend playing golf and fishing at his parents' compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, before returning briefly to Washington on Tuesday to sign legislation that will grant him expanded authority to negotiate international trade agreements.

He will also have routine medical check before he hops back on the vacation trail and heads for his 650-ha ranch in sun-baked Crawford, Texas.

"We've got a lot of work to do to make sure people can find work, and this trade bill is going to help a lot; it's going to help our ranchers, going to help our farmers, it's going to help people find jobs," Bush told reporters on Friday before starting his vacation.

Anxious to avoid the image of a part-time president as the war against terror shuffles forward in Afghanistan and the US markets struggle to climb out of their scandal-ridden depths, Bush's advisers have repeatedly said he is to take a mountain of work with him and will make frequent trips off the ranch.

Bush has plans to visit 12 cities during his 25-day holiday, spokesperson Ari Fleischer said, and will welcome foreign leaders as well as host an economic forum in Waco, Texas.

So far only Mexican President Vicente Fox is expected to come to Texas, and there have been no details released about the economic forum.

"The fact is he's probably going to be down to about two weeks, just like everybody else, like most people," said Fleischer.

But not in times of crisis, argue many of the president's critics, including Parris Glendening, the chair of the Democratic Governors Association.

"It's clearly the wrong signal . . . in times of financial crisis and international crisis, the public looks for hands-on confident leadership," said the Maryland governor.

New York resident and talk show host David Letterman captured the same sentiment, devoting one of his late-night Top 10 lists to why the president needs a holiday. Among the reasons: "It's been what, two weeks since he went fishing?"

Whatever Bush's intentions, the country's economic doldrums and troubles in the Middle East are likely to encroach on his free time outdoors, especially as his sky-high approval ratings he enjoyed in the wake of the terror attacks of September 11 appeared to be slipping. *AFP*

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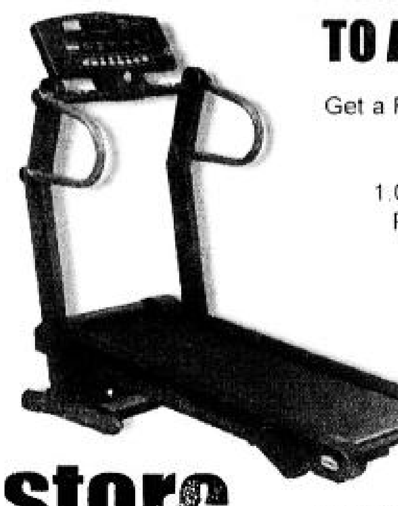

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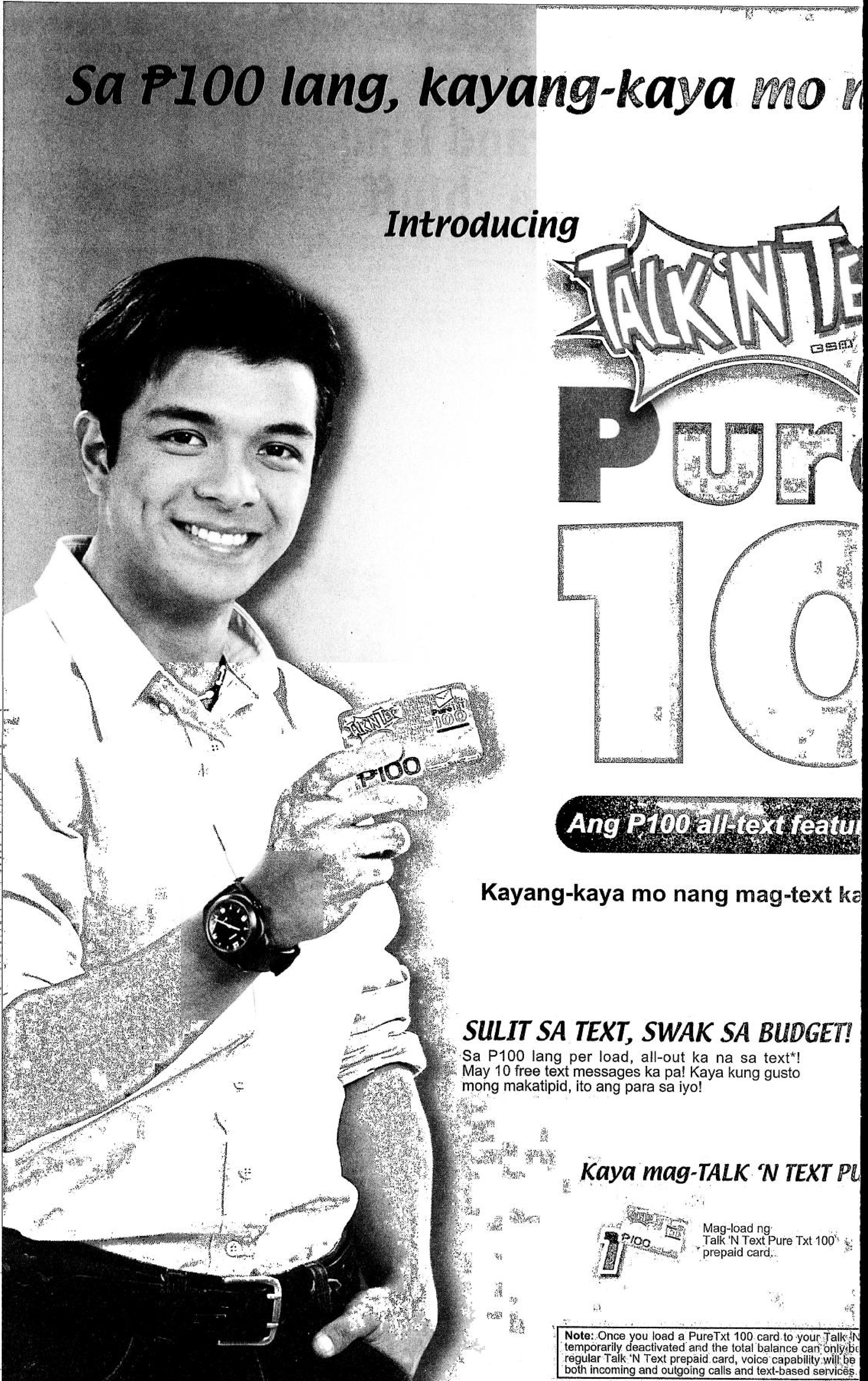

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Judge orders US to give names of 9/11 detainees

WASHINGTON—A federal judge gave the US administration 15 days Friday to publish the names of most people being held for suspected links to the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The Justice Department "shall disclose within 15 days the names of those it has arrested and detained in connection with its September 11, 2001 terrorist investigation," Judge Gladys Kessler ruled. Most of the suspects are being held at the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The department must also disclose the names of the detainees' attorneys within the same time frame, Kessler decided.

"The court fully understands... the first priority of the executive branch in a time of crisis is to ensure the physical security of its citizens. By the same token, the first priority of the judicial branch must to be to ensure that our government always operates within the statutory and constitutional constraints which distinguish a democracy from a dictatorship," Kessler said in her ruling.

The judge made two exceptions in her ruling, allowing officials to honor the request of detainees who wish to remain anonymous, and enabling the department to keep secret the dates and places of the detainees' arrest.

Secret arrests are "a concept odious to a democratic society and profoundly antithetical to the bedrock values that characterize a free and open one such as ours" Kessler said in a statement.

The Justice Department said it was reviewing the ruling to evaluate "all options to protect the American public from future terrorist threats, while preserving our constitutional liberties."

"The Department of Justice believes today's ruling impedes one of the most important investigations in history, harms our efforts to bring to justice those responsible for the heinous attacks of September 11 and increases the risk of future terrorist threats to our nation," Assistant Attorney General Robert McCallum said.

He added that the Justice Department's criminal division and the FBI "firmly believe that the information sought by the plaintiffs, if released, could jeopardize the investigation." *AFP*

US warned of possible pre-Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON—Al-Qaida operatives may try to prove they still can do harm with a strike timed for the run-up to the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Senate Intelligence Committee's top Republican says.

"Although they've been dispersed around the world, they're beginning to reassemble in areas," Sen. Richard Shelby said Friday in an interview. "We have not killed enough of them. We have not captured enough of them."

Shelby said he had no information about any specific al-Qaida strike. One counterterror official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his colleagues have observed no particular spike in terror threats—the "chatter"—so far as Sept. 11 approaches.

While al-Qaida is capable of launching an attack at any time, US officials have no evidence the terror network is in a hurry to strike before the anniversary of the attacks, the official said. "They operate under their own timetable, and strike when it's logistically doable."

While officials acknowledge concern that al-Qaida might attempt a strike on the anniversary of Sept. 11, they note the group has not struck in the past on dates symbolic either to Americans or to Muslims.

A few attempted strikes tied to al-Qaida have occurred close to holidays: the attempted millennium bombings in Los Angeles and Jordan, and Richard Reid's alleged attempt to blow up an airliner before Christmas last year.

But counterterror analysts don't think holidays hold any particular significance to al-Qaida leaders; they simply prefer large gatherings of people that can serve as targets.

Shelby also said he believes Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction at multiple sites, and a pre-emptive strike is warranted to stop President Saddam Hussein from doing "irreparable damage" to Americans. *AP*

N. Korea relies on drug smuggling, says ex-spook

TOKYO—A former North Korean spy said North Korea relies heavily on drug trafficking for foreign currency income and smuggles opium out of the country with China's help, a Japanese newspaper reported Saturday.

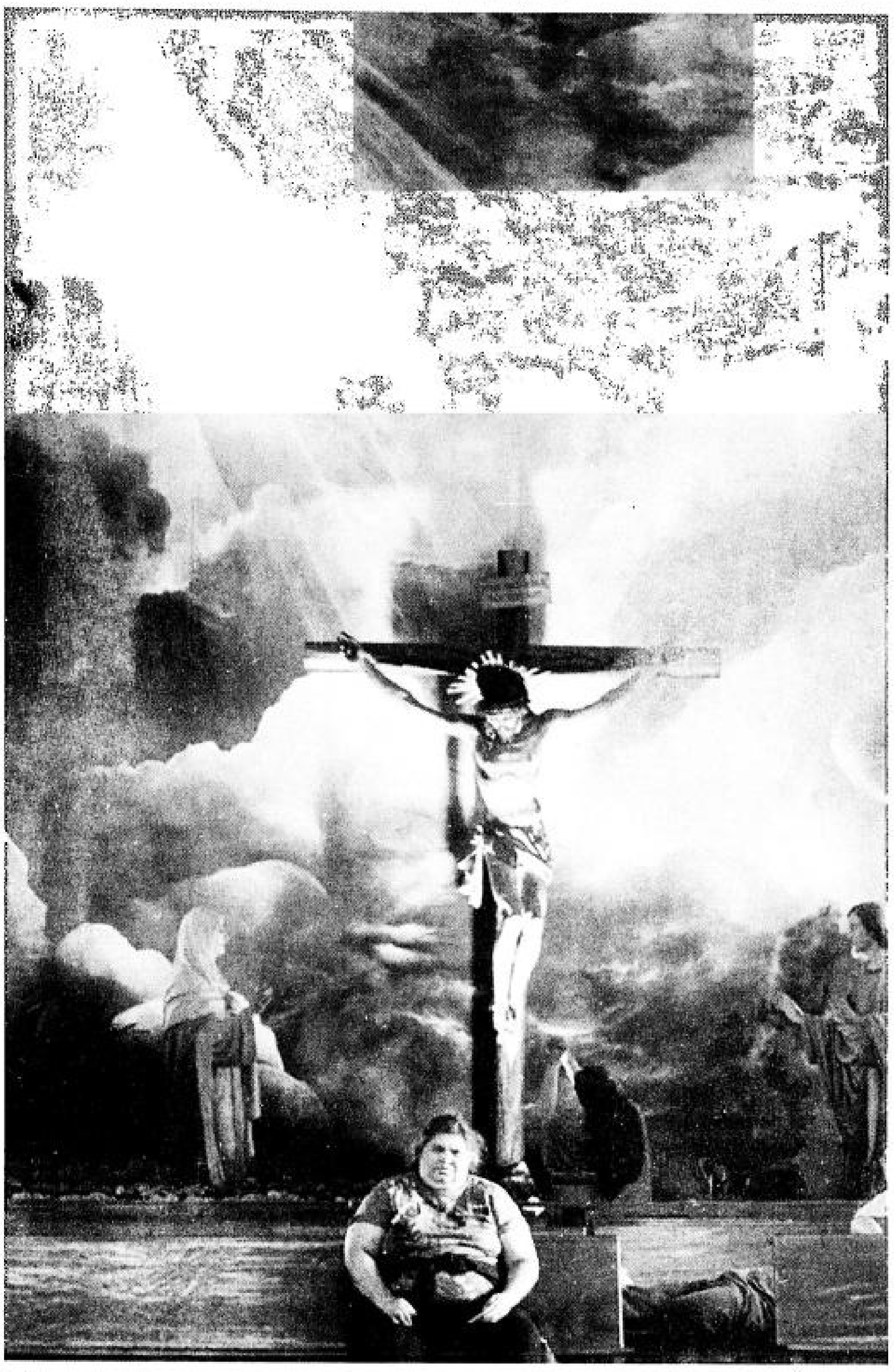
Most of the reclusive communist country's poppy crop had come from about 6,000 ha of farmland in the northeastern province of Yanggang since 1996, when it doubled production there, said the 63-year-old ex-spy, who defected to Japan in 1999, according to the mass-circulation Sankei newspaper.

Yanggang—or Ryanggang, as it is known in North Korea—is located on the border with China.

But in recent years, Pyongyang hasn't been able to turn its harvest of poppies into opium because of outdated equipment and a sharp decline in smuggling activities, he told the Sankei in an interview.

The former agent, who wasn't identified, told the daily that more than 10 metric tons (11 US tons) of North Korean poppies are sitting in silos waiting to be made into opium, the raw material used to make heroin.

The drugs are often sold in China as medicines, but they are increasingly being smuggled through China—with Beijing's consent—and other countries for sale in South Korea and Japan, he said. *AP*



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A Costa Rican pilgrim sits pugnaciously inside the Basilica of Los Angeles during the celebration of the apparition of the Virgin of Los Angeles, patron saint of Costa Rica, in Cartago August 2. More than a million Catholics are expected to take part in the pilgrimage, a 401-year-old tradition.

Turkey MPs vote to end death penalty

ANKARA, Turkey—Turkey's parliament abolished the death penalty and legalized education and broadcasts in Kurdish Saturday, moves aimed at improving the country's chances for joining the European Union.

Following a marathon, often raucous emergency session, lawmakers voted by a show of hands in favor of the reforms, which grant Kurds the right to broadcast and teach the Kurdish language. The death penalty, which will remain effect in times of war or during the threat of war, will be replaced with life imprisonment with no possibility of parole.

Nationalist lawmakers, who make up the largest bloc in parliament, said the reforms amounted to concessions for Kurdish rebels who fought a 15-year war in southeastern Turkey, where most of the country's 12 million Kurds live.

Legislators rushed to pass the reforms only a few days after approving elections in November—18 months earlier than scheduled. Many feared that upcoming balloting would prevent lawmakers from passing the measures demanded by the EU as politicians instead focused on their re-election campaigns.

"Turkey has taken a giant step on the road to the EU," said Deputy Premier Mesut Yilmaz, whose party drafted the reform package. "I just wish the (nationalists) had been in on it."

Turks hope to boost their chances for membership by passing the reforms before an EU summit in December that will decide on expanding the 15-nation bloc. EU-member nations could set a date for Turkey's entry talks at the summit.

A nationwide poll done in May by a private think tank showed a majority of Turks favor EU membership, as well as abolition of the death penalty. *AP*

Indon Muslims demand imposition of Sharia law

JAKARTA—Thousands of Muslims marched toward a meeting of Indonesian parliamentarians Saturday to demand they incorporate Islamic law into the constitution.

In one of Jakarta's largest demonstrations in months, 4,000-5,000 men and women marched peacefully through the city's banking district toward the legislature where the annual session of the People's Consultative Assembly, the country's highest constitutional body, is meeting.

"Save Indonesia with Islamic Law," read their banners.

They shouted "God is great" as they filled two lanes of the road, with men at the front and women in traditional Muslim headcoverings at the rear.

The protesters said they were from Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia, or the Liberation Party.

"Islam has an ideology like capitalism and communism, but Islam is better," said one marcher, Hamzah Salahudin, 33.

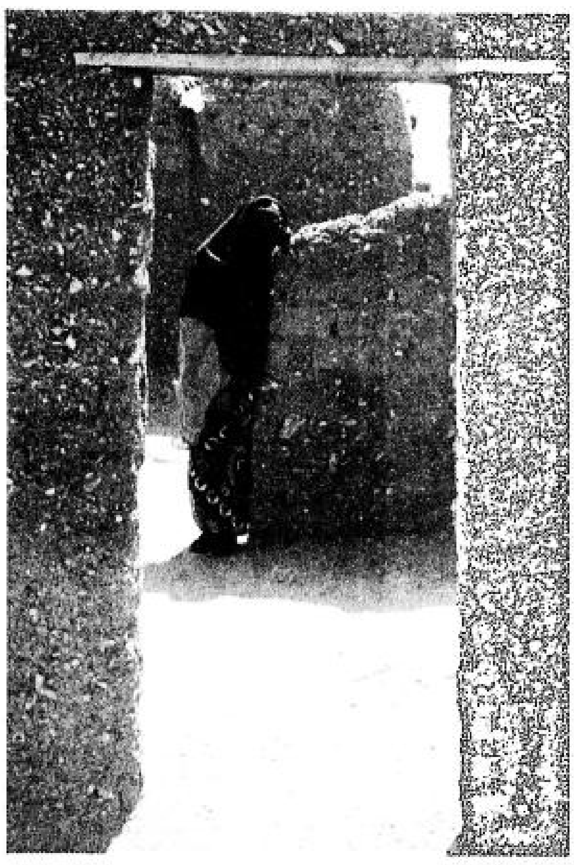
"We will convey our aspirations and demand Islamic law," he said.

A statement issued by the demonstrators said Indonesia's crisis of poverty and unemployment, its high number of school dropouts, increasing crime and moral decay have resulted from the absence of an Islamic system, as well as from bureaucrats who fail to carry out their duties properly.

At the 10-day assembly session which began Thursday, legislators are discussing proposed constitutional amendments, one of which calls for the implementation of Islamic law, or Sharia.

At its congress last month Indonesia's largest Islamic organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, passed a recommendation opposing efforts to make Islamic law compulsory for Muslims.

The constitution's Chapter 29 says the state guarantees every resident's freedom to adhere to their respective religions and to perform their religious duties. *AFP*



DIVORCEE Amina Lawal, 30, leans on the wall of her Kurami mud home in this file photo. The prosecution in the Funtua Upper Sharia court in Nigeria insists that Amina be stoned to death for committing adultery in accordance with the Islamic law. AFP

Taiwan leader calls for referendum

TAIPEI—Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian Saturday called for a referendum on the country's future, risking the wrath of rival China which claims sovereignty over the island.

The surprise statement ran in contrast to an earlier pledge that he would not push for a plebiscite on whether Taiwan should declare independence or be reunified with China during his four-year tenure.

"Taiwan's future and destiny can only be decided by the 23 million people living on the island," Chen said in a teleconference with the pro-independence overseas Taiwanese association in Tokyo.

"But how to make the decision when the time comes? The answer is what (we) have sought after—referendum," he told the pro-independence group.

But the president stopped short of mentioning independence.

The remarks followed a recent controversial statement from Chen that Taiwan would "walk down our own road, our Taiwan road" if Beijing remained hostile to resolving cross-strait disputes.

Chen's comments come on the heels of a fresh threat by China this week that it was ready to take the island by force if necessary.

Taiwan has been separated from the mainland since a civil war in 1949 but is considered a renegade province by Beijing.

Chen, who assumed chairmanship of the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) last month, said referendum was a basic human right which could not be negated.

"I sincerely urge and encourage the people here to seriously consider the importance (of the referendum) and the need for legislation for it." The president stressed the country's independent sovereignty, saying that "each side (of the Taiwan Strait) is a country." *AFP*

Saudi arrests 10,000 illegals in Mecca

RIYADH—Saudi police have arrested more than 10,000 illegal immigrants in Mecca, Islam's holiest city, during the past three months, a newspaper reported Saturday.

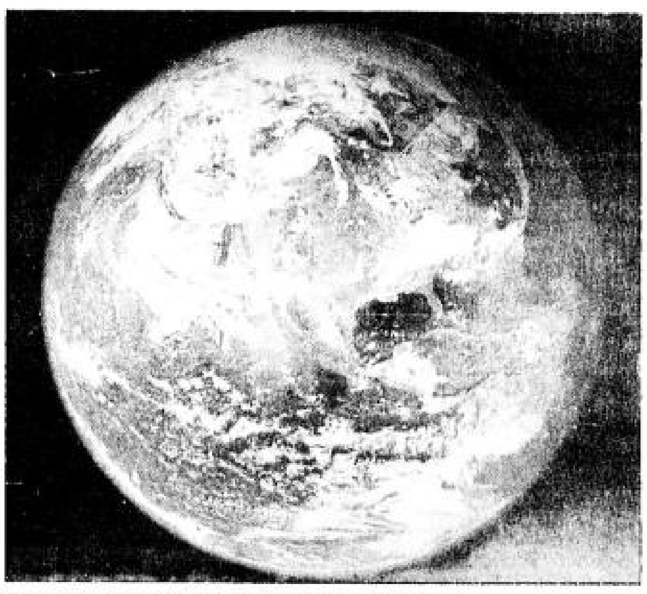
The arrests came during a crackdown on foreigners violating residence and labor laws, and those who overstayed pilgrimage visas, Major Salman al-Muhaya of the passports department told Okaz daily.

Saudi authorities regularly announce the arrests of mainly Arabs and Asians who arrive in the kingdom on a pilgrimage to Mecca but then stay on illegally.

Visa violators are deported while landlords renting accommodation or employing them illegally face prison terms and fines.

Oil-rich Saudi Arabia, home to around seven million foreigners, deports more than 700,000 illegal immigrants every year, according to the interior ministry.

The government has hiked fees on recruitment and offered incentives for Saudi nationals to replace foreign labor in a bid to reduce the number of immigrants. *AFP*



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This handout photo provided by Nasa dated August 2 shows the Earth. Nasa reports that satellite data since 1998 indicate the area around the Earth's equator is growing. Before 1998, Earth's equatorial area was decreasing because of the post-glacial rebound that occurred as ice sheets melted after the last Ice Age. When the ice sheets melted, land that was underneath the ice started rising.

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NBI files graft charges against 13 Butuan execs

BUTUAN CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation has filed graft charges against 13 police, customs and Coast Guard officials here on Friday over the July 12 disappearance of a cargo vessel loaded with some P17 million worth of smuggled rice.

As this developed, one of the INQUIRER correspondent based here was forcibly ejected out of a press conference where Mayor Daisy Plaza and the NBI formally announced the charges filed against the officials.

But before the start of the press conference, lawyer Reynaldo Esmeralda, deputy regional director of the NBI in Caraga region, said an investigation found that the officials were criminally and administratively liable for the "escape" of MV Rodeo.

Authorities impounded the vessel on July 11 on suspicion that the 17,000 sacks of rice it was bringing in were illegal.

But a few hours after it was seized, the vessel sailed for Cebu. Attempts by police authorities to deter its crew from sailing failed.

The incident triggered an investigation on smuggling activities here with the NBI taking the lead.

So far, names of prominent persons including politicians have surfaced in the smuggling scandal.

In charging the 13 government officials, the NBI said it was apparent that they did nothing to prevent MV Rodeo from sailing away.

"They violated anti-graft and corrupt practices law and committed grave misconduct because of the disappearance of MV Rodeo," Esmeralda told the INQUIRER.

He said the NBI was puzzled why the impounded ship was able to sail despite the "strong presence of law enforcers" in the port at that time.

Charged before the Office of the Ombudsman-Mindanao were Senior Supt. Efren Anggo, Supt. Felix Gonzalez, Senior Insp. Reynaldo Batoon, Insp. Adriano Bustillo, SPO4 Domingo Lucero, PO3 Ignacio C. Espina, and PO2 Jessie Doce; Customs collectors Diego Ochimar Jr. and Jose Patriana Sr. and Masao port terminal supervisor Edgardo Tidalgo.

Coast Guard commander Adelardo Hernandez and his two subordinates, PO2 Jeffrey Jumawan and PO1 Nestor Almeda, were also slapped with similar charges.

Esmeralda said the NBI was continuing its investigation to uncover the identities of those behind the smuggling attempt.

A source told the INQUIRER that among those being investigated was a prominent politician.

The source said that the politician's brother was the one who fetched MV Rodeo's captain shortly after the vessel docked on July 11.

In a press conference on Friday afternoon, Plaza confirmed the names of those who were charged for the disappearance of MV Rodeo.

But shortly before the press conference started, at least two bodyguards of the mayor forcibly ejected INQUIRER-Butuan correspondent Franklin Caliguid.

Caliguid's plea fell on deaf ears as the security officers literally dragged him out of the conference room. *Franklin Caliguid and Ma. Kristina Cassion, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Freelance fotog nabbed for taking photos of Barbers' P80-M mansion

SURIGAO CITY—A freelance photographer filed grave coercion charges against the city police chief and eight other cops here, who arrested and jailed him on trumped up charges.

Max Asis, 56, of Nueva Street here, said what he only did was to take photos of an P80-million mansion allegedly owned by Sen. Robert Barbers' in Barangay Lipata here.

Asis was arrested in the morning of July 10 after taking photos of the controversial mansion.

A columnist of a local newspaper had earlier requested him to take shots of the mansion, which sits atop a hill.

The mansion, which has an area of 1,001 sq. m. and has 14 bedrooms, was listed under the name of Barbers' father, former Surigao City Judge Felix Barbers in 1999.

But locals believed that it was actually the senator who owns it.

The suspicions have fueled the local media to make the mansion as one of its hottest topics.

Residents here said it was Barbers who told them how much the mansion, dubbed as the mansion in the sky, costs.

After he was commissioned to take photos of the mansion, Asis had requested a friend who owns motorcycle to accompany him on that day to the mansion.

But when they got there, Asis said he saw three police cars guarding the mansion.

Upon seeing the police, his friend sped off, leaving Asis behind.

As soon as he was arrested, the photographer was brought to the city police station.

But while inside the police station, the arresting officers were asking each other what they should charge Asis with.

"I was taken to the office of the city police chief Supt. James Libres where another officer went out and returned a few minutes to search me. He said, 'so you have a firearm?' Then they charged me with illegal possession of firearms and violation of the Comelec gun ban," Asis said.

But the photographer swore that the gun was not his. Before booking him in, the police took his camera and films. *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Island folk hit exclusion from PPA reduction

MAMBURAO, Occidental Mindoro—The people of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro are disgusted with the government after the island provinces were excluded from the reduction of the purchased power adjustment (PPA) as promised by the President during her State of the Nation Address.

According to Samahan ng mga Mangangalakal ng Mamburao spokesperson Rodolfo Plopinio, the disgusted people of Mamburao found the exemption discriminating and unfair.

Plopinio asserted that their exclusion from the PPA reduction was an insult that added to the town, whose Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative (Omeco) has been supplying them more with brownouts than electricity during the last 14 years.

He said that in her Sona, the President even mentioned with pride how the PPA was reduced through her intervention. She did not mention any exemption from the PPA reduction.

Complying with President Macapagal-Arroyo's directive, as early as May 21, the National Power Corp. furnished the Energy Regulatory Commission a copy of Resolution No. 2002-60 pegging the power purchase cost adjustment (PPCA) at a uniform rate of P0.40 per kilowatt-hour.

The resolution states that the reduction was supposed to be effective in all grids at a uniform rate of P0.40/kWh. It also states that the reduction will depend on the mix of electricity sourced from the Napocor and from the independent power producers of distribution utilities in a particular grid.

It further states that the reduction of the PPCA is distinct and separate from the P0.30/kWh mandated rate reduction for end-users.

On May 31, however, the Napocor amended the earlier resolution exempting all grids, except Bohol and the small island grids from the reduction. The amended resolution, Resolution No. 2002-61, was approved by the ERC on June 3.

Although the resolution states that only those island provinces without independent power producers are not included in the PPA reduction, the two provinces of Mindoro have two IPPs. Mirant Power Plant is located in Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, while the Island Power Corp. is in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro. *Mei Magsino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ARMM pins hopes on biz congress for investments

COTABATO CITY—Officials of the five-province Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao are hoping that the two-day business congress, which starts here today, would succeed in convincing outside investors to do business in the war-torn region.

Abebakrin Lukman, ARMM information chief, said the region-wide investment drive was spearheaded by Gov. Parouk Hussin in cooperation with the Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo), Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) and the Mindanao Business Council (MBC).

He said that during the two-day meeting, some 500 business leaders will be briefed on the trade and investment potentials of the ARMM-component provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur and the city of Marawi.

Most of the ARMM areas have experienced peace and order problems, giving the entire region a bad grade when it comes to investors' confidence.

Lukman said investments would mean employment opportunities in the region, which could also help spur economic development.

Based on recent surveys, the ARMM remains as one of the country's poorest regions.

Investors said they were willing to pour in funds provided the security of their business was guaranteed.

Last month, Japanese businessmen said they were looking at the prospects of tapping the region's agricultural wealth, but that peace and order have always been a hindrance.

But Lukman said the region was not as violent as what is being pictured in the media.

Police officials supported the statement, saying it has one of the lowest number of crimes committed when compared with other regions on a monthly basis. *Charlie C. Senase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Arroyo lands awarded to beneficiaries

By Carla P. Gomez
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BACOLOD CITY—The Provincial Agrarian Reform Office (Paro) in Negros Occidental on Friday released records to belie claims of running priest Fr. Robert Reyes and a farmers' group here that the distribution of the landholdings of the family of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo to agrarian reform beneficiaries was just on paper.

The Paro said that a total of 682.7348 hectares of Arroyo properties found in the towns of Binalbagan and Isabela have been fully covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

The landholdings covered seven separate farm estates, five of which were offered to farmer-beneficiaries by the Arroyo family under the Department of Agrarian Reform's Voluntary Offer to Sell (VOS) scheme, the Paro report said.

The seven properties have a total of 783 beneficiaries, with 657 in "actual possession" of the land and 126 still waiting to receive their Certificates of Land Ownership Award (Cloas).

The report said 33 farmer-beneficiaries are now in possession of the 22.941-hectare estate in Binalbagan which used to be owned by Jose Maria Arroyo, while 28 beneficiaries now occupy the 25.2781-hectare property, also in Binalbagan, which used to be owned by Antonio Arroyo. Both properties owned by the First Gentleman's relatives have been placed under the DAR's Operation Land Transfer.

The properties placed under the VOS scheme and already turned over to the beneficiaries were those owned by Jose Maria Arroyo (69.0077 ha) and Antonio Arroyo (7.3511 ha), with 176 beneficiaries in Binalbagan; and the ALAJA Agro Industrial Corp. (363.814 ha) with 420 beneficiaries, the Paro report showed.

The remaining 126 farmer-beneficiaries are kept as regular farm workers by the Arroyo family while they were waiting to receive their Cloas. They are workers of the JJ Agricultural Corp./Ignacio Arroyo Estate (86.2197 ha and 86 beneficiaries), and JMA Agro Industrial Corp. (97.1232 has with 40 beneficiaries), the Paro reported.

The report said the Cloas were already with the provincial registrar, the final step needed before the titles could be formally turned over to the beneficiaries.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Western Visayas will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32°	Lo 24°
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Davao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32°	Lo 26°

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Ex-NPA rebel becomes a soldier

DAVAO CITY—A former ranking official of the New People's Army operating in Central and Southern Mindanao got the surprise of his life on Tuesday.

Henry Mindan, former finance and logistics officer of the NPA's Front Committee 53, has become an Army soldier.

Col. Eduardo del Rosario, commander of the Army's 73rd Infantry Battalion (IB) here, announced Mindan's inclusion into the military roster during the battalion's founding anniversary.

When del Rosario called him up on stage, Mindan was apparently nervous and puzzled.

It turned out that del Rosario had worked on Mindan's enlistment without the knowledge of the former NPA rebel.

"I did not inform him about it. I wanted to surprise him," del Rosario later told reporters.

Mindan's appointment took effect on July 17.

Now holding the rank of a private, the former rebel will be temporarily assigned with the 73rd IB based in Barangay Malagos in Baguio District here.

Before his surrender in 1996, Mindan, a native of Barangay Salaysay in Marilog District here, was Ka Samuel of the NPA.

From being an ordinary guerrilla, he rose to become the finance and logistics officer of the NPA's Front Committee 53 operating in Marilog district and Arakan in Cotabato.

On August 8, 1996, he and 11 other NPA rebels clashed with elements of the 73rd IB's Charlie Company in Barangay Suawan, also in Marilog.

Nine days after the gunbattle, Mindan and his companions surprised military officers when they went to the 73rd IB camp and announced their surrender.

They brought with them 12 high-powered firearms, including a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR), two M203 grenade launchers, four M14 assault rifles and five M16 armalite rifles.

A few weeks after his surrender, Mindan went through training as a Cafgu (Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Units) and was detailed with the 3rd Metro Davao Cafgu Company.

As a Cafgu member, he participated in five clashes with the NPA where two rebels were killed, two guerrillas wounded and two others captured. He was also instrumental in the recovery of at least six firearms.

Del Rosario said he noticed that Mindan performed well and participated in successful anti-communist operations after he became a Cafgu.

After del Rosario announced his appointment to the military, Mindan said nobody could be happier than him.

From the meager P1,800 as honorarium for being a Cafgu member, Mindan would now be receiving P15,000 in salary as a private. He said this salary could help his family of four. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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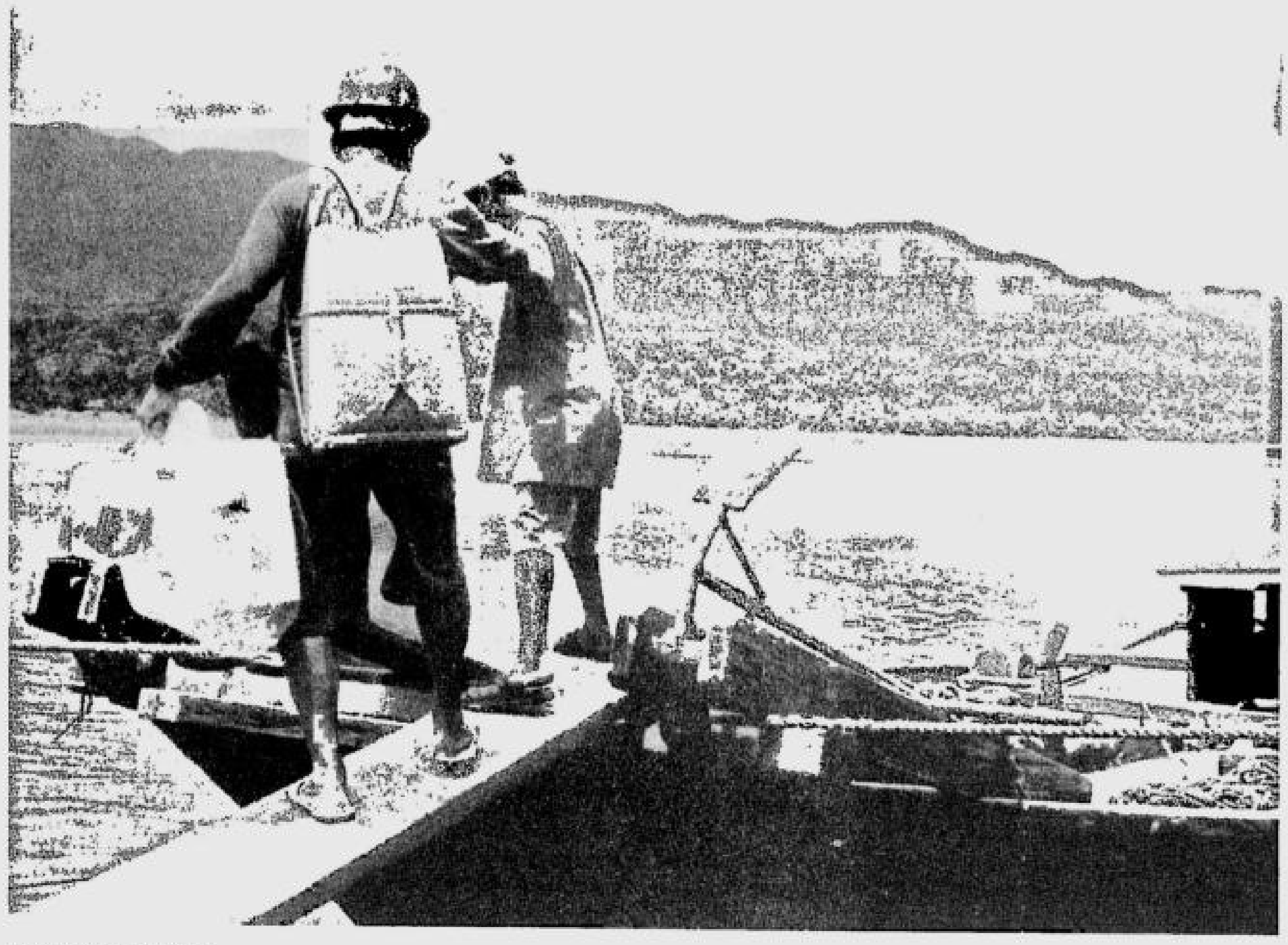
MINDAN receives his insignia as Army private from Col. Curva.



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A boat helper assists forester Ernesto Vicente of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Maconacon as the latter boards a boat to Divilacan Cove in Isabela for biodiversity surveillance.

Furniture makers hit DENR men

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
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REAL, Quezon—The furniture makers along the roadsides of Barangay Llavac, this town, have assailed the alleged collection of a "tax" by personnel of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources who are manning the checkpoints along the Laguna-Rizal highways.

Ely Estrada, president of the Ukit-Tuod Multi-Purpose Cooperative, said some of their members are forced to pay at least P200 up to P500 as "highway tax" for every piece of furniture that they transport to Manila.

"That's quite a big (amount) for most of us," Estrada told the INQUIRER, adding that the collectors do not issue government receipts.

But he declined to identify the locations of the checkpoints for fear of reprisal.

They used to be charged P100 to P300, he said. "But since the story about our products appeared in the INQUIRER, we were now being charged more. The checkpoints personnel reasoned out that we were enjoying brisk business because of the article," Estrada said.

Armando Rutaquio, Quezon provincial environment and natural resources officer, however, explained that the P10 per cubic meter of recovered wood products being imposed by the DENR on the likes of Estrada, "is still irrelevant compared to the regular tariff of P1,400 per cubic meter that we collect from regular licensed loggers."

"The stumps, roots and similar wood materials that they use as materials are considered natural forest products. Besides, they profit from these materials," he pointed out.

He said his office has assisted Estrada's group in the formation of the cooperative. "Their effort is unique and has showcased the Filipino ingenuity," Rutaquio said.

He said Estrada's members are required to secure a "wood recovery permit" from the local DENR office to avoid being harassed by unscrupulous government personnel.

Estrada admitted that since his story appeared in the INQUIRER Business Section on June 30, his members are now enjoying an unprecedented increase in sales and orders.

"Several days after the story was published, we have experienced being sought by car-riding customers, who travel all the way from Manila just to see our products," he said.

"This is the first time that we have experienced the rush of customers. I even had to add workers to cope with the orders," he said, pointing to his helpers who were all busy with different phases of production.

All of Estrada's members were former charcoal makers who foraged the nearby Sierra Madre mountain ranges daily for raw materials.

From using the pieces of retrievable forest materials—like tree stumps, tops and branches long left by loggers in their charcoal making— they have discovered the art of transforming them into fine pieces of exquisite and antique-looking furniture.

The former charcoal maker also disclosed they now have orders that are bound for export.

"With the positive export prospect, I can now afford some needed electric equipment for fast production and competitive designs," he said.

However, the group lamented that the government still collects fees for the "forest garbage" that they used as materials.

Mudfish hated in US is indigenous to RP

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SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—While American authorities described the land-walking snakehead fish as "something from the bad horror movies," Filipinos love to eat the indigenous fish locally known as *dalag* or murrel (*Ophicephalus striatus*).

Westly Rosario, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) research center chief in Dagupan City, said Americans probably hate the snakehead fish, which is also found in other Asian countries, because it eats other fishes and small animals.

He said the fish, which turned up in seven states in the US, can hibernate for several months without water in moist areas.

Aptly called as mudfish, it buries itself deep in the mud, surviving without eating for many days and usually comes out during rainy days.

"They call it snakehead because its head is as big as the head of a snake like cobra. A fish can weigh as much as seven kilos," Rosario told the INQUIRER.

When residents here learned that Americans are considering poisoning the lake in Maryland where at least 80 baby snakehead fish have been found, they said the Americans should instead dump this fish species in the Philippines.

"It is a delicious fish found in the aquariums of most Chinese restaurants. Some government officials urged BFAR to culture snakehead fish in the country because it is delicious," Rosario said.

Because it is very tasty, the fish is bought for different food preparations despite its price, which is much higher than the *galunggong*, the poor man's fish.

At present, mudfish fetches at least P100 to P120 a kilogram in the market.

Evelyn Zafra of the National Freshwater Fish Research Center in Nueva Ecija said this fish species used to abound in big bodies of water in the country and in rice fields.

She said snakehead fish is not always available in the market unlike the *tilapia*, which is also a freshwater species.

She confirmed the fears of US authorities that the snakehead is a predator, which has a voracious appetite.

In fact, Zafra said, it is oftentimes grown in tilapia ponds to control overpopulation.

Dalag is a carnivorous fish and may probably attack people who may get close to its egg nesting areas. But this characteristic is also present in other fish species, Zafra said.

The fish's natural homes are bodies of freshwater such as lakes, rivers, swamps, marshes and rice paddies.

In some Asian countri there is a big demand for the fish because of belief that its flesh can hasten the healing of wounds and internal injuries.

Army reports gains from 8,562 combat operations

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija—At least 8,562 combat operations in Central and Northern Luzon between January and June this year killed 55 communist rebels and led to the surrender of 90 others, the Philippine Army's 7th Infantry Division (ID) said in a report here Thursday.

The report, released in time for the division's 14th founding anniversary, did not cite details but indicated 43 major encounters, mostly with New People's Army guerrillas.

The division's three tactical brigades and nine infantry battalions operate in eight Luzon provinces, three Mindanao provinces and recently, in Nakar, Quezon.

Maj. Gen. Alberto Braganza, chief of the 7th ID, said the "substantial reduction of threat and stop of the growth of local communist movement" would continue to be the "major focus" of combat operations.

He said that despite the "elusive tactics" of the NPA, the Philippine Army's engagements had dealt "major setbacks" to the rebels, notably in Nueva Ecija and Pangasinan provinces.

The Philippine Army's Northern Luzon Command, which covers four regions in Luzon, has more than 10,000 government troops or five times bigger than the 1,500 estimated fighters of the NPA and its splinter group, the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan, military officials said.

The report said the feud over issues on turf and resources had intensified in the last six months, leading to bloody skirmishes and execution of guerilla leaders.

ROUNDUP

'Porn' tabloids seized

DAVAO CITY—Four bundles of assorted tabloids were confiscated near the Cebu Pacific Air Cargo office at the Davao International Airport here on Wednesday for their alleged pornographic contents. Elements of the Regional Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit, who conducted the raid, said the cargo arrived on board Cebu Pacific's first flight from Manila. Chief Insp. Joel Consulta, administration investigation officer, said 1,844 assorted "pornographic" materials were discovered inside bundles of newspapers about to be distributed to Agusan del Sur, Tagum, Cotabato and Davao cities. Charges of violation of Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code will be filed against the consignees.

Joselle d.R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Mindanao trade fair

DAVAO CITY—More than 100 exhibitors, designers, artisans and entrepreneurs from Mindanao are holding the 7th Mindanao Trade Expo at the Central Bank Convention Hall here starting Friday. The three-day expo features the island's fibers through the 1st Mindanao Design Competition and fashion show. "The Mindanao Trade Expo (MTE) has become the springboard for Mindanao designers and product developers to penetrate larger markets in Asia, Europe and the Americas," Raymunda Silfverberg, MTE 2000 chair said.

Joselle d.R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Road mishap kills 1

BAGUIO CITY—A man was killed while 11 others were hurt in separate road accidents here and in Bokod, Benguet, on Sunday and Monday. Moises Clabson, 33, was driving a vegetable delivery truck when it fell into a 100-meter-deep ravine at Barangay Caradic in Bokod on Sunday night. His two companions, Gregorio Calse and Delfin Lopez, were hurt and taken to the Benguet General Hospital. In another incident, nine people were hurt when their passenger jeepney collided with another jeepney on Naguilian Road here on Monday. The victims, most of them students, were taken to the Baguio General Hospital.

Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Farmers get carabaos

TUGUEGARAO CITY—Fifty farmers in three villages here received carabaos from government agencies as part of the government's poverty alleviation program. The city government, the Department of Agrarian Reform and the Philippine Carabao Center distributed the farm animals to farmers in Barangays Namabbalan, Tagga and Dadda here. The city's eastern villages have vast farm lands but farmers own no farm animals due to poverty, officials said.

Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

St. John Vianney Sunday

THE ANNUAL feast day of St. John Mary Vianney, patron saint of the parochial priest, will be celebrated at the San Sebastian Cathedral Parish today, which has been declared by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines as St. John Mary Vianney Sunday. The feast caps the 9-day Novena held on July 26 to Aug. 3. The concelebrated Mass on the feast day will be held at 7 a.m. with Most Rev. Gaudencio B. Rosales, Archbishop of Lipa, as the main celebrant. Archbishop Rosales is the chairman of the CBCP Commission on the Clergy.

New Calamba bridge

CALAMBA CITY—After two years of closure due to destruction by two typhoons in 2000, the newly reconstructed San Cristobal Bridge here was opened to traffic with President Macapagal-Arroyo inaugurating it on Friday. Mayor Severino Lajara said the bridge is now passable to all motorists.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Landbank helps coops

CALAPAN CITY—The Land Bank of the Philippines, Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro, Socorro town and Soro-Soro Ibaba Development Cooperative have signed an agreement to strengthen economic ties among cooperatives in the province. LBP president Margarito B. Teves, said the bank is willing to assist the cooperatives in finance and training.

Donna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

FCA review sought

LEGAZPI CITY—Bicol Regional Development Council chair Al Francis Bichara has urged the Department of Transportation and Communications to look into the foreign currency adjustment being charged by different telephone companies on their subscribers. Bichara made the announcement after receiving reports that telephone companies are allegedly collecting more than the allowable 30-percent FCA from their subscribers.

Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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Mindanaoans write own history

By Ayan C. Mellejor
Davao City

HISTORIANS will turn the pages of Mindanao stories back to the roots of its people—the Moros, lumad and settlers—to correct the past and chart the future in the quest for peace and development.

To do this, the Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (Mincode) gathers together Mindanaoan researchers to write Mindanao's history, which, it says, is a vital ingredient for the unification of the island's peoples who have diverse histories and conflicting interests.

Mincode believes that writing history will also lead to the identification and appreciation of the diversity among the people, highlight commonalities and, in the end, develop a Mindanaoan identity.

Commissioned by Mincode to work on the history are professors Macario Tiu for the Davao area; Manny Tawagon for Lanao del Sur and Marawi; Rufa Guiam for the entire Cotabato; Grace Rebullar for the Zamboanga area; Jeffrey Salgado for Lanao del Norte and Iligan; Mucha Lim Aquiza for Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi; Linda Bordon for Cagayan, Camiguin and Bukidnon; and Greg Hontiveros for the Caraga Region.

Pilar Braga, chair of the Mindanao History Committee, says there has never been an authentic Mindanao history from the viewpoint of the lumad, Moro and settlers.

"We want the Mindanaoans to write their own history from the stories handed down from generation to generation from the perspective of the Moro, the lumad and the settlers," Braga said during the launching of the Mindanao history campaign.

Braga said it is only when Mindanaoans have a sense of history, a sense of their roots can they have deeper understanding and appreciation of Mindanao's place in the overall historical perspective of the Philippines.

"And only when we situate ourselves properly in the ongoing conflict in Mindanao...can we embark together on a journey for lasting peace and development because the foundation of peace is understanding," she said.

There is a need for understanding and appreciation of the island's diversity so that people will not only give lip service "but give meaning and life to unity in diversity," she added.

Dr. Rody Rodil, an anthropogist and Mindanao State University professor commissioned to consolidate the data of all the research, said the book on Mindanao would be a good opportunity for the people of the south "to realize *na may relasyon tayo na dapat baguhin* (that we have relations that needs to be changed)."

Rodil is giving the people of Mindanao 20 years to understand the past, value dignity as a people and unite in diversity. He said everybody must work to put everything in the right perspective.

"We have to invest in the young because the old generation has many biases and prejudices," Rodil said.

He said every Mindanaoan should not start the consciousness of the young with a colonial victory.

Rodil said there are stories of Mindanaoans in history books that need to be corrected. He cited the Hekasi books of the Department of Education (DepEd) that have serious omissions and obnoxious phrases that need to be corrected. The number of tribes alone lacked ten from the present list of 18.

"*Gustuhin man natin baguhin ang ating kasaysayan, mahirap ibalik.* (Even if we want to change our history, it is difficult to do so). But we will give due credit and attention to whoever deserves it," he said..

Cheerful entrepreneur makes Bislig hotel clients come back

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Bislig City, Surigao del Sur

Even when the local hotel business atmosphere here is barely prospering, Dolores "Ma'am Dely" Marcojos is a picture of a happy, smiling entrepreneur. Maybe that is her secret. Her charm and animated disposition never fail to impress her clients and as a result, they keep on coming back.

Marcojos manages the family-owned Paper Country Inn (PCI), a four-story concrete pension house with amenities, service and comfort comparable to that of a first class hotel. In fact, to most business travelers and executives, visiting government and NGO officials and guests, PCI always comes to mind when they set foot in this city of northeastern Mindanao.

The elegant hotel building and annex have 47 air-conditioned rooms categorized as suite, deluxe and standard. In its wooden annex building are rooms categorized as economy. All rooms have private bath and comfort rooms.

"Room occupation during the past years has not been encouraging. We were below our target expectation and I suppose it is the same in other pension houses in the city," said Marcojos who is also the chair of the Bislig City Tourism Council and is an active leader in the local business scene.

This observation is shared by another pension house owner (who requested not to be identified) who said that the local hotel business has not improved. But even if it hasn't, the owner said, the regular monthly arrivals of some visitors somehow keep the business afloat.

"What we need is a tourism-oriented activity that will serve as a come-on to the city's varied attractions," Marcojos said. She also cited the need to have good access road networks linking Bislig City to major cities like Davao, Butuan, Surigao and Cagayan de Oro.

Most parts of the national highway in Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Sur have been wanting in terms of concreting and rehabilitation.

Bislig's best bet to tourism is her natural wonders like waterfalls and thick forests. Tinuy-an Falls, considered as the widest falls in the country, is only an hour away from the city proper and has been attracting local and foreign tourist and travelers.

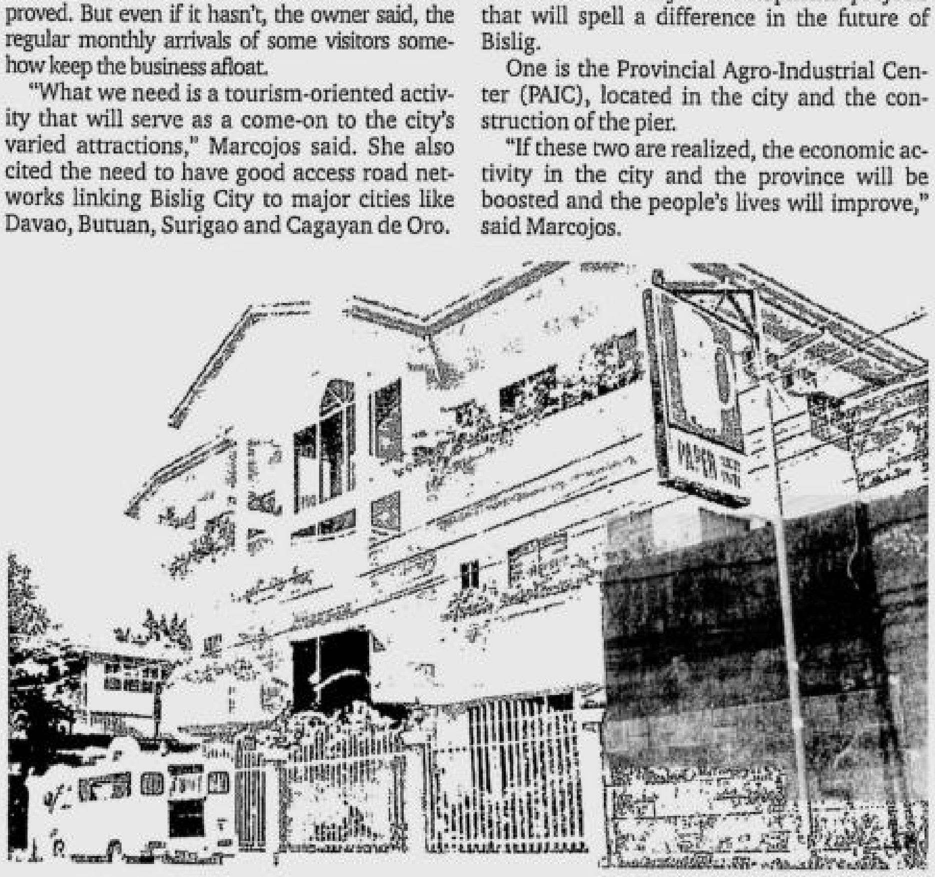
Recently, a large group of students from Manila came just to see the falls, Marcojos said.

Another potential market is bird watching. Through the years, international bird watchers, especially from Europe have explored Bislig Forests to seek rare bird species. "They come in small groups and stay three to four days. Lately, however, Ms Marcojos says the bird watchers would complain of the visible and growing destruction of the forests.

Despite the current business condition, Marcojos is hopeful that things will improve. She cites two major development projects that will spell a difference in the future of Bislig.

One is the Provincial Agro-Industrial Center (PAIC), located in the city and the construction of the pier.

"If these two are realized, the economic activity in the city and the province will be boosted and the people's lives will improve," said Marcojos.



FERDINAND EDRALIN

THE PAPER Country Inn in Bislig, Surigao del Sur has 47 air-conditioned rooms.

BOOK REVIEW

'La Reunion de Cabarbaran'

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing

JOCEL Dagani's book "La Reunion de Cabarbaran: An Outline of the History of the Municipality of Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte" will bring back the reader to the "sights, sounds and texture" of 13th century Cabadbaran (and Agusan del Norte) and towards the American period in this side of Mindanao.

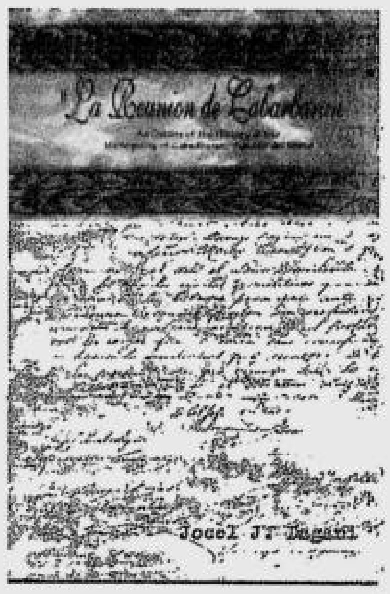
Five years in the making, the book is Dagani's valuable contribution to the colorful but vague and mostly unwritten history of the region. A dentist by profession, Dagani has for a long time been a keen student of historical research and the outdoors, a trait that could possibly earn him the monicker of a local Indiana Jones.

Commendable is the book's publication, (published by Midtown Printing Co.) coming out at a time when valuable historical pieces and structures like ancient convents, churches and houses are ignorantly mowed and torn down in other towns to give way to commercial buildings or parking lots.

Hopefully, the book will enlighten the public and private sectors on the relevance of the past and put a degree of respectability to it. As the author quoted the late president Ferdinand Marcos, "How can we train the younger generation to assume the reins of power in the future if they do not know any history? By studying the history of the country, we make use of the past to fortify the present and secure the future..."

A Cabadbaranon (and Agusanon) should take time to read this book and if possible be made a must reading for high school students in the area so that their knowledge and appreciation would connect them to their ancestors.

A GIFT TO THE PEOPLE
Jocel Dagani's book "La Reunion de Cabarbaran." The author, Dr. Jocel J. Dagani (in checkered polo shirt) during the book launching. Acknowledging it are his townmates and Congressman Edelmiro Amante of Agusan del Norte.

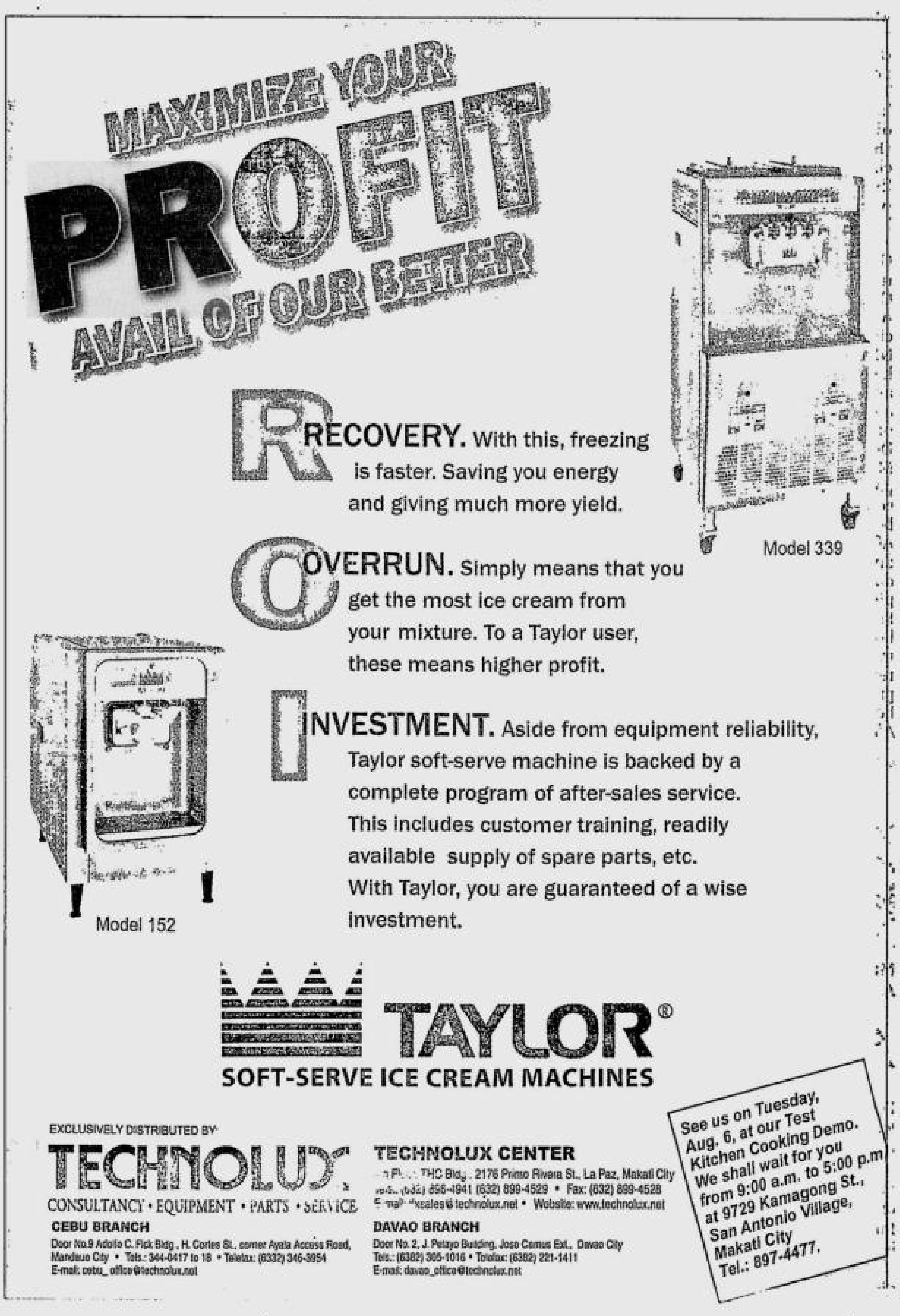


The book is probing and well researched. Attention to details on text and photographs (ancient maps, letters) are extensive. The author left no stone unturned when he waded through the maze of historical materials. But he said he has "no illusions of putting down on paper the complete historical account of Cabadbaran. Instead, what is being attempted here is to present the old Cabadbaran from the viewpoint of whatever available and reliable documentation."

He. likens the journey in reconstructing the history of his beloved town from the "perspective of a curious, scientific investigator."

The journey back "home" is definitely worth it. Each chapter is a guiding compass to the evolving landscape of Cabadbaran that is consequently a micro representation of a peripheral thriving society. This goes to say that the region is not detached from the struggles of nationhood as local revolutionaries and nationalists took their share of fighting for independence.

Dagani's book is an affirmation of how a small town's past can help define us and our nation.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Imee disappointed over Powell snub

By Juliet L. Javellana

MEMBERS of the House who were expecting an audience with US Secretary of State Colin Powell are disappointed that he ignored them.

Nevertheless, they are relieved that the controversial Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement has not been signed yet, according to Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos.

"He snubbed us," said Marcos, who had formally requested the US Embassy for an audience with Powell. "Too bad, because we understand that (he) is a moderate—knowledgeable and sensitive to the fears of American allies."

Marcos said she had been looking forward to hearing the truth about the MLSA from Powell, whom she described as the "only dove in a White House full of hawks."

She said members of the House committee on foreign relations, of which she is vice chair, would instead train their guns on Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Foreign Secretary Blas Ople.

"Now we in Congress will do what we have to do," she said, adding that Reyes and Ople would be grilled about the provisions of the MLSA at a committee hearing on Aug. 14.

Marcos had earlier said the MLSA would give the US government permanent basing rights in the Philippines and turn the country into a launch pad of the US anti-terrorism campaign in Asia.

Yesterday she expressed relief that the document was not rushed for signing in time for Powell's brief visit.

"I am grateful for the media's relentless reporting on the issue. (Authorities) were afraid to push it," Marcos said.

But she pointed out that the continued "lack of information" on the document's contents was "simply causing worse fears."

In Lucena City, the spokesperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines accused the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo and the US government of scheming to establish a permanent US military presence in the country through the MLSA. ***With a report from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

RP to uphold sanctity of IPP deals, Gloria assures Colin

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE PHILIPPINE government will uphold the sanctity of its contracts with independent power producers (IPPs), including those with five American firms, in seeking a review of their "onerous" provisions.

This was the assurance made by President Macapagal-Arroyo to visiting US Secretary of State Colin Powell on one of the last-minute topics in their talks yesterday at Malacañang.

Ms Macapagal was apparently trying to assuage the fears of American businessmen and to correct Powell's "impression" that the government would unilaterally cancel IPP contracts.

But she pointed out that IPP firms should also make concessions in their contracts since the power crisis is over.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the President raised the IPP issue last during her hour-long meeting with Powell and their respective parties in Malacañang yesterday.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr., at the last minute, was included in the meeting, apparently to back up the President's explanation about the ongoing review of the IPP contracts.

The American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines came out with a full-page ad last week complaining that some of their members were "placed in a very bad light with their reputation badly tarnished" after the government announced that it would renegotiate their IPP contracts.

AmCham said the government's review, which found that most of the 35 IPP contracts had financial or legal problems, "lacked transparency and completeness."

"It was not able to review the operations of the IPPs nor did it seek explanations on some issues that are considered minor in nature," it said.

Bunye said the President told Powell that the business community should not be worried that her government would "whimsically set aside" contracts.

"She told them this is not the case. We respect the sanctity of the contract . . . We understand that when you went into this, you took some risks. But now the risks are no longer there. So maybe you could be more lenient as far as the terms and conditions of the contracts are concerned," he said.

"It is not our policy to dishonor contracts. That's the general message," he added.

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tinue."

'Nothing mysterious'

In his joint press conference later with Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, Powell said the MLSA was not tied to the $55-million military package extended to the Philippines.

He said the US government was not planning to put up military bases here again: "It is not an effort to insert ourselves in any way into the Philippines that would be troubling to anyone."

He described the MLSA as a "middle-level administrative arrangement between the two sides for logistical support and accountability."

"I hope that once our Department of Defense people, working with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, have a chance to explain what's in it and how it benefits both sides, the Philippine people will understand that there's nothing mysterious about it," he added.

Powell also announced an additional $100 million in development assistance this year for law enforcement, judiciary and education.

"We support President Arroyo's efforts for a strong republic campaign that set the stage for economic activity that can really make a difference in Mindanao and elsewhere in the country," he said.

He also said the United States would continue its "excellent cooperation" in tackling extremists including the Abu Sayyaf.

Ople later told reporters that he and other officials were waiting for the US comment to the final Philippine draft of the MLSA.

"We do not know (when it will be signed). The ball is in the American court," he said.

GMA's list

The President also asked for the following during her meeting with Powell:

- Amnesty for overstaying Filipinos and humane treatment of those deported. She said she did not want the deportees to return aboard a "Con-Air" plane and in handcuffs.
- An advance of the benefits owed Filipino war veterans pending the US Congress' approval of equal benefits for US and Filipino veterans.
- Recruitment of Filipino sailors in the US Navy.
- Lifting of the negative US travel advisory. Powell replied that his bias "has always been in favor of lifting" it.
- Reunion of Amerasian children with their fathers in the United States.
- Manila visit of US President George W. Bush. Powell said the visit would depend on Bush's schedule.

Bunye said Powell made "general comments" without committing anything, "but (he) appeared to be sincerely sympathetic to the requests of the Philippine government."

Millennium challenge

That the Philippines be allowed to avail itself of the US Millennium Challenge development package was also one of the President's requests.

Ople told reporters that for its contribution and "sincere efforts" in helping the United States fight terrorism, the Philippines expected to qualify for the $5-billion economic package being offered by the US government to developing countries besieged by terrorism.

He said Powell assured them that the Philippines would be a "prime candidate for support" under the package that would be implemented in the next two years.

"This has the makings of a Bush Plan to match the post-war Marshall Plan that helped rehabilitate Western Europe to stand on its feet and become prosperous nations," Ople said.

According to Ople, Powell "focused strongly on the millennium challenge account" during the meeting, and the President "waxed enthusiastic about (it)."

He said Ms Macapagal told Powell she was confident that the Philippines met the criteria set forth for candidate countries. These criteria, he said, included good governance, a per capita income threshold of under $1,400, and "sincere efforts to combat international terrorism."

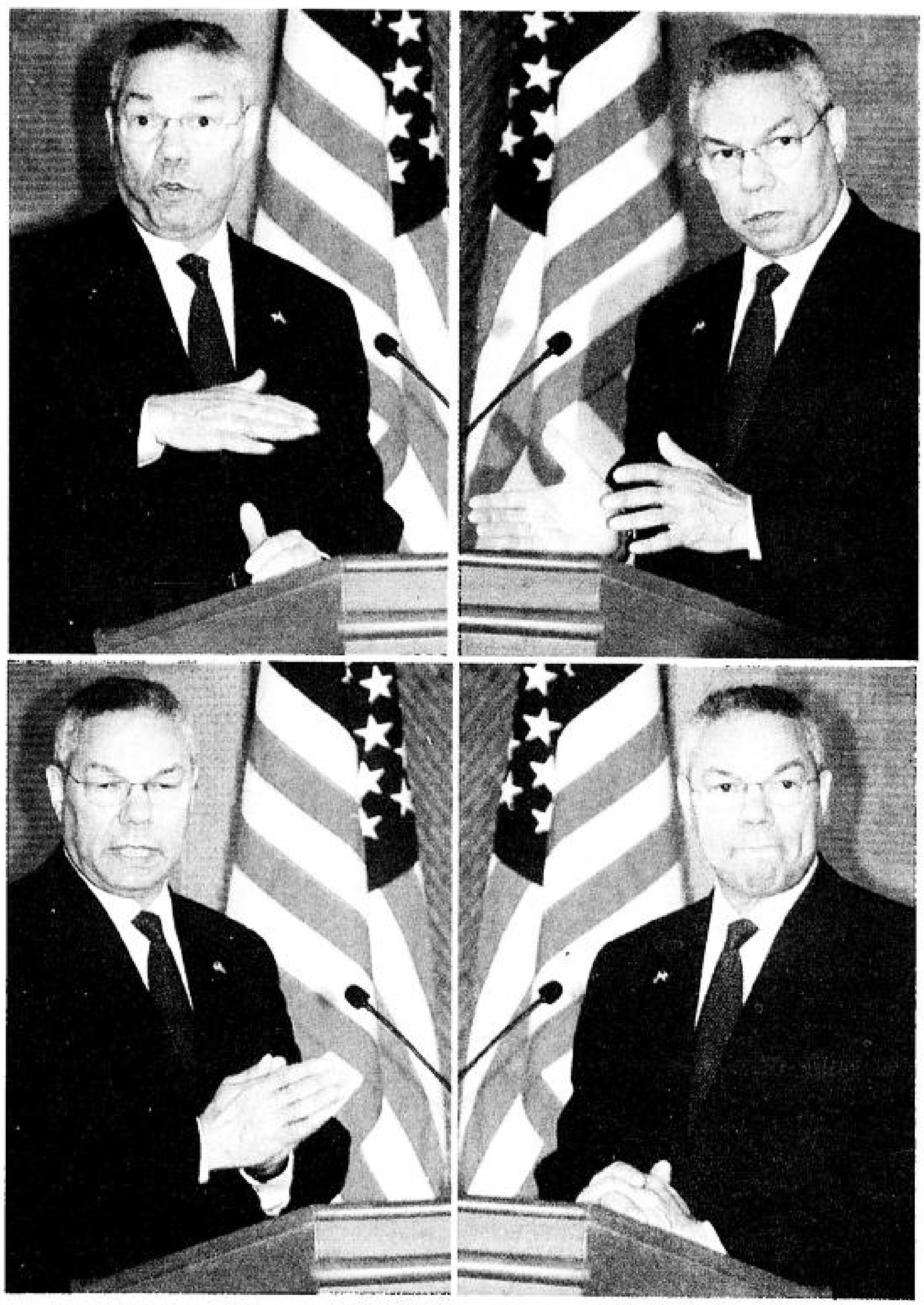
"When we get our share, the major component should be for the development of the provinces and cities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," he quoted the President as telling Powell.

'United with you'

Ople said Powell described the Philippines as being "in the forefront of leadership in Southeast Asia with respect to the global war against terrorism."

He quoted Powell as saying: "The United States is united with you. But we see this as more than just counter-terrorism, more than just military to military, but a broader relationship that also focuses on economic development, development assistance, trade, poverty elimination, educational activities, everything we can do to strengthen democracy throughout Southeast Asia, and especially to help leaders such as President Arroyo who are taking bold, strong stances for democracy.

"We want to be seen standing alongside her and other leaders like her." ***With a report from Christine Herrera***



POWELL meets the press in Malacañang after an hour-long meeting with President Macapagal before returning to the US yesterday after an eight-nation Asian tour that concluded in Manila.

DENNIS SABANGAN

Hotel welcome drowns out noisy rallies

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the hotel.

"And I did not have to dance for that," he added jokingly, referring to his reluctant rendition of a skit-and-song number at the recently concluded Asean ministerial summit in Brunei last Thursday.

He grinned when a Manila-based reporter prefaced her question at the press conference with congratulations for his parody of "Some Enchanted Evening" at the summit.

At 10:30 a.m. Powell and Foreign Secretary Blas Ople faced reporters.

As could be expected, the first five questions were directed at the visiting official. The sixth and last was directed at Ople, who was asked what the government hoped to get in having "some kind of a US military presence" in the country.

The slow-speaking Ople was just getting around to his point when Powell, apparently thinking that the foreign secretary had finished, spoke up to deny that the US government was after a permanent military presence here.

Then before Ople could continue, Powell thanked the media and ended the press conference.

He and Ople left Malacañang together, but reporters easily caught up with Ople outside.

Mendiola, Miranda

At 9 a.m. at the Don Chino Roces Bridge on Mendiola, some 200 members of the Anakbayan staged a picket and burned a seal of the US government.

About the same time, dozens of National Alliance for Democracy members led by Jun Alcobera held their own protest action at Plaza Miranda in front of Quiapo Church.

The demonstrators called Powell a "butcher" and an "Uncle Tom"—a "symbol of an Afro-American protecting the interest of the white slave master."

They called the President an "American puppet" and a "Powell Puff Girl."

The Anakbayan group later marched toward the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard, but policemen in full anti-riot gear barred them at T.M. Kalaw Street.

The protesters lay down on the street, to indicate the culmination of their march.

Anakbayan national chair Apolinario Alvarez said he did not believe that Powell and the President would not discuss the Mutual Logistics Support Agreement.

He pointed out that Powell was the chief US emissary of the international coalition against terrorism, "which, of course, is the US disguise for its interventionist wars and wars of aggression."

"We should all be warned that Powell, once the MLSA is approved, could enforce his doctrine of overwhelming force upon the sovereignty and people of the Philippines," Alvarez added.

Vietnam

The student group Nnara Youth said Powell, who served as a military adviser of US troops during the Vietnam War, was responsible for the massacre of 347 Vietnamese, mostly elderly, women and infants.

"It is so disgusting to see the Macapagal administration bestowing VIP treatment on a hardened criminal and a first-rate terrorist," Nnara Youth secretary general Carl Anthony Ala said in a statement.

He added: "It's safe to conclude that Ms Macapagal herself is a terrorist lover."

Pamalakaya chair Fernando Hicap said that during his stint as a military adviser, Powell became known for the "Powell Doctrine" that put emphasis on the use of superior force in eliminating the enemy.

Hicap said Powell was once quoted as saying: "We burned down the thatched huts, starting the blaze with Ronson and Zippo lighters. Why were we torching houses and destroying crops? Ho Chi Minh had said that people were like the sea in which his guerrillas swam. We tried to solve the problem by making the whole sea uninhabitable. In the hard logic of war, what difference did it make if you shot your enemy or starved him to death?" ***With reports from Jerome Aning and TJ Burgonio***

Palace puts its money where Dick's mouth is

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case" for the program.

Gordon launches a three-continent promotional blitz next week, with a two-week trip to nine cities in the United States and Canada. In part, he will be selling the so-called Volunteer 12 program (V-12), which will mobilize Filipinos abroad to invite their friends, relatives and associates to visit the Philippines.

"There is nothing like interpersonal communication to complement the awareness generated for Philippine travel and tourism," a DOT statement quoted Gordon as saying.

Since the V-12's launch during President Macapagal-Arroyo's state visit to Malaysia in August last year, close to 10,000 overseas Filipinos have registered as "tourism volunteers" and have sent thousands of visitors to the country, the statement added.

Promo, not infra

"We're quite lucky that the DOT is one of those agencies whose budgets have been increased a little," Palabyab said. "I think we have P2 billion now. Last year, we had P980 million."

But the DOT's increased budget will be focused on promotional expenses here and abroad, instead of tourism facilities, he said.

"We don't have money for infrastructure. The bulk will go to promotions. We would have wanted a bigger (promotions) budget of $15 million (about P750 million). (But) we're quite happy (about the increase)," he said.

To make up for the shortfall in infrastructure spending, Palabyab said the DOT would rely instead on private-led investments, once the government created tourism enterprise zones under the supervision of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

Guidelines for the zones have been drawn up, Palabyab said, to develop key areas into tourism-service hubs that will look like citywide country clubs, but which will draw overseas tourists to little-known travel destinations of the country beginning next year.

Gordon's trip to North American runs from Aug. 15 to Sept. 1.

According to the DOT statement, he will be accompanied by the representatives of "no less than 50 companies participating in each leg of the road shows," including local government units, travel trade companies and major supporters like Philippine Airlines, Singapore Airlines and WG&A Super Ferry.

With the V-12 program in place, Gordon estimates a sharp increase in tourist arrivals, even if initially only 10 percent of the 7.4 million Filipinos abroad send at least one tourist to the country.

The North American market is the country's premier source of tourists, accounting for 25 percent of the country's total visitor arrivals in 2001. According to the DOT, American tourists stay longer in the country and spend more on local tourism facilities and services such as accommodation, tours, dining and shopping.

There are an estimated 3 million Filipino-Americans.

Palabyab said transport officials have also created a new franchise for public utility vehicles that cater exclusively to tourists. He said the new franchise will take effect at the end of the year.

Palabyab's announcement was welcomed by a local federation of passenger van operators.

Ildefonso Soriano, a member of the Federation of Hired Vehicles Associations that ply the Baguio to Cagayan, La Union and Pampanga routes, said the P20-million industry had always been sidelined by territorial disputes with mass transport franchise holders and private vans.

Soriano said charter vehicle owners have been lobbying for a separate franchise that allows them to ferry passengers from region to region, without violating a policy restricting public utility vehicles to short routes.

"This sounds like the same proposal we made so we are glad. This will legitimize some of our routes, even if the definition of our clientele had changed. But we can work with tourists," Soriano said in Filipino.

Palabyab said the tourist charter franchise was approved only last month and would cover chartered buses, vans and planes and small shipping.

"We're talking about a hotel-to-hotel transit arrangement. A hotel from Manila en route to a hotel in Baguio, for example," he said.

It supports the [illegible]artment's new "twinnin[illegible] [illegible]nents with small-scale a[illegible] [illegible]perations, which have opened [illegible]w access to domestic tourists traveling to southern Philippines.

Erap eyes comeback

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the race in two ways.

He asked legal advisers to study if he could "run again," and because first he had to walk, moved to get his knees fixed once and for all. Right here. That is, if his preferred American doctor agrees to fly to Manila to perform a total knee joint replacement surgery on the ex-President.

In an interview, Estrada said that while the 1987 Constitution barred the president from seeking reelection, it mainly "assumed" that that president would finish a full, six-year term.

It's "unclear," the jailed ex-president said, on the case of his short-lived presidency wherein he "was not able to finish his term and was removed through extra-Constitutional means."

On trial for more that a year now for economic plunder, Estrada, 65, made this disclosure with spirits apparently buoyed by an Ibon Foundation survey showing him getting more votes than his successor if a presidential election were to be held now.

Released last Thursday, the Ibon survey, conducted from July 11 to 28, showed that Education Sec. Raul Roco would win that election, with Estrada placing second and President Macapagal settling for third.

Estrada said the Ibon figures only "concretized and made stronger" the results of earlier opinion polls by the Social Weather Stations and Pulse Asia.

These earlier surveys, he claimed, "consistently" reflected that "I have retained a 30- to 33 percent following among our people."

If indeed he would run again, Estrada said, the popularity ratings scored by other "presidentiables" who are identified with him would surely be added to his.

He made particular mention of opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson and his close pal, action film icon Fernando Poe Jr.

Asked who are doing the study on whether he could seek a second term, Estrada mentioned former Chief Justice Andres Narvasa, former Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago, and one of his former defense counsels in his Sandiganbayan trial, Pacifico Agabin

Can hardly walk

The former President may be serious about a second run for the presidency. Because almost two months after the Sandiganbayan junked his controversial request to be allowed to go to the United States to undergo knee replacement surgery, Estrada is now ready to have it done locally.

Asked what made him change his mind, Estrada told of the increasing pain and the latest X-ray results showing that "my knees are getting worse."

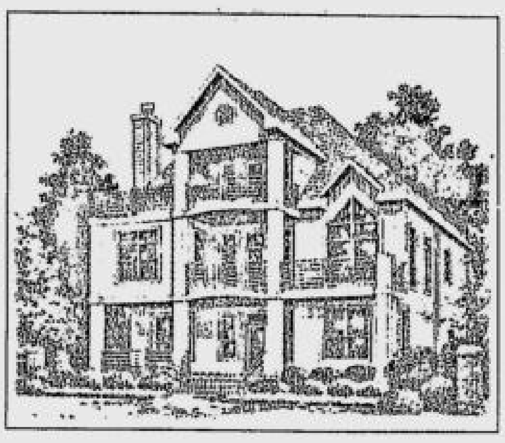
"Unless I'm injected steroids, I could hardly walk now especially in the morning," he said, adding that the deterioration of his ostheoarthritis was further confirmed by X-ray results taken last Tuesday night.

After the decision on June 6 of the anti-graft court hearing his plunder case, the Estrada camp said the Macapagal administration would be held responsible if something untoward happens to him should he have his surgery done here by local doctors.

The ex-president maintained that his insistence on having a foreign doctor treat him does not mean he is underestimating the skills and expertise of Filipino surgeons.

It's just that the San Francisco-based orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Christopher Mow, has been attending to his damaged knee since 1998, he explained.

"I'm still convincing him to do the operation here," he said, referring to Mow, whose diagnoses and recommendations were extensively quoted in Estrada's travel request before the Sandiganbayan.



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Red-hot La Salle stops UP, 71-67

By Dennis U. Eroa

GAMES TODAY (Makati Coliseum)
2 p.m.—Ateneo vs AdU (Srs)
4 p.m.—UST vs NU (Srs)

LA SALLE displayed remarkable poise in the homestretch to stop upset-conscious University of the Philippines, 71-67, and stretched its winning run to five yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

In the second game, University of the East continued its climb with a 65-58 win over skidding Far Eastern University, seizing solo second with its fourth win in six matches.

The Fighting Maroons, still on a high after upstaging the Ateneo Blue Eagles, 53-49, last week at the same venue, engaged the Green Archers to a battle of nerves only to fall apart in the dying minutes.

Bothered by UP's leech-like defense and the referees' wayward whistles which destroyed its momentum, La Salle lost a 14-point lead, 50-36, to trail by one, 62-61, on Josant Cervantes' free throws, 3:38 remaining.

Defensive specialist Willy Wilson came to the rescuel when he hit a side jumper, giving La Salle back the lead, 63-62, 2:18 left.

A swarming defense in the ensuing plays forced the Maroons to commit two straight turnovers which resulted to a split by Adonis Sta. Maria and a three-pointer by Joseph Yeo, 67-62.

After Cervantes completed a three-point play, 67-65, Yeo and Cholo Villanueva calmly converted four charities to ice La Salle's win.

Manny Ramos and Mike Cortez finished with 13 and 11 points, respectively, but Mark Cardona struggled with eight points. La Salle also fared miserably in the three-point area (2 of 11) and made only a total 25 shots out of 65 tries.

Swingman Mike Bravo topscored with 24 points for UP, but he was hardly a factor in the endgame. Bravo also failed to gain support from his teammates. Rookie pointguard Jonjon Tabique also struggled against the tight guarding of the taller and heftier Wilson and Cardona.

(First Game)

Scores:

LA SALLE 71—Ramos 13, Cortez 11, Cardona 8, Wilson 7, Yeo 7, Sharma 7, Villanueva 6, Vainio 5, Gavino 4, Sta. Maria 3, Cabatu 0.

UP 67—Bravo 24, Cervantes 8, Reyes J 8, Almeda 6, Arnaiz 5, Nunag 4, Celo 4, Tabique 4, Santos 4, Ferrer 0.

Quarters: 14-14, 36-30, 53-46, 71-67

(Second Game)

UE 65—Tubid 16, Yap 14, Artadi 10, Estrada 7, Booker 7, Canaleta 5, Omiping 2, Masbang 2, Butel 2, Hubalde 0, Tan 0.

FEU 58—Jones 13, Miranda 9, Santos 9, Rizada 8, Sinco 5, Cutler 5, Yabut 4, Garcia 2, Isip 2, Razon 1.

Quarters: 17-12, 34-31, 52-43, 65-58

JESS YUSON

JOSANT Cervantes of UP (left) and Adonis Sta. Maria of La Salle battling for the rebound during their UAAP game yesterday at the Makati Coliseum. The Archers won, 71-67.

Hotdogs silence Thunder, 91-84

By June Navarro

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
3:45 p.m.—Alaska vs Selecta-RP
5:45 p.m.—Shell vs Sta. Lucia

PUREFOODS salvaged its pride and dignity after stopping top-seeded Batang Red Bull's four-game streak, 91-84, yesterday in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Already out of the running for a quarterfinals' berth, the TJ Hotdogs snapped their own losing spell as the Governors Cup champions vowed to finish the conference on a respectable note.

"We're going out in style. It's a case of too late the hero but we're still focusing on our last two games. We just don't want to end at 11th place," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio, who steered the Hotdogs to the crown last conference.

Now sporting a 2-7 record, the Hotdogs' impending finish this conference will be the worst in the annals of PBA history for a squad that came off a championship victory.

The Hotdogs, whose six-game slide was the worst since they joined the league in 1988, virtually bowed out of contention in the next round after the FedEx Express edged Sta. Lucia Realty, 92-90, on Friday.

Gregorio and the TJ Hotdogs, however, owned the distinction as the only team besides Shell which defeated the Thunder this conference.

In the second game, San Miguel Beer tripped Talk N Text, 84-72, and moved closer to a Top 4 spot in the quarterfinals. The Beermen's fourth straight win installed them at 6-3 while the Phone Pals fell to 4-5 after dropping their third game in a row.

Jarencio stars as Hartmann wins

HARTMANN Seigle banked on former PBA player Pido Jarencio to whip Homer Mercado Builders, 92-82, Friday and improve its record to 4-0 in the 4th Danny Espiritu Invitational Open Cup basketball tournament at the Lyceum gym.

Jarencio fired 34 points to spark Hartmann's second-half blitz in the tourney sponsored by Spring Margarine, Morning Star Tours and Travel, Red Bull, Purefoods, FedEx, SMB, Coca-Cola, Ginebra San Miguel, Sta. Lucia, Shell, Talk N text and Alaska and supported by Milo and Adidas.

Mayor Pewee Trinidad's Pasay team spoiled the debut of Wangs Ball Club, 67-64, into the other game.

Action resumes tomorrow with Wangs facing the Builders at 6 p.m. at the Lyceum gym.

According to host Danny Espiritu, Cebu's M. Lhuillier and ML Kuarta Padala will make their debut on Aug. 15.

HARTMANN SEIGLE 92—Jarencio 34, Mendoza 22, Pinat 11, Gamboa 10, Lim 8, Reducto 4, Medina 3, Pascual 0.

HOMER MERCADO 82—Medenilla 17, Sayco 15, Limbo 11, Torrente 11, Lomboy 7, Habelito 6, Baltazar 6, Mopera 4, Andaya 2.

Halftime: 44-43

Scholastica OT winner

ST. SCHOLASTICA'S Manila outlasted host Assumption College of San Lorenzo-Makati in overtime, 60-55, yesterday at the start of the 33rd Women's National Collegiate Athletic Association at the Philsports Arena.

Myra Felipe poured in 8 of her 13 points in the extra period while Diana Siapno sparkled throughout as the Scholasticans survived Assumption's smoldering windup.

Playmaker Ynah De Dios of Assumption buried a tight running jumper from the left flank with 14 seconds remaining as regulation ended at 44-all.

De Dios came up with 15 points and Suzette Rabajante added 13 but went a tad short of bailing Assumption out of trouble.

With the Scholasticans ahead, 59-55, Rabajante flubbed two straight fastbreak plays and missed a putback in the last 40 seconds, sealing the fate of this season's hosts.

June Navarro

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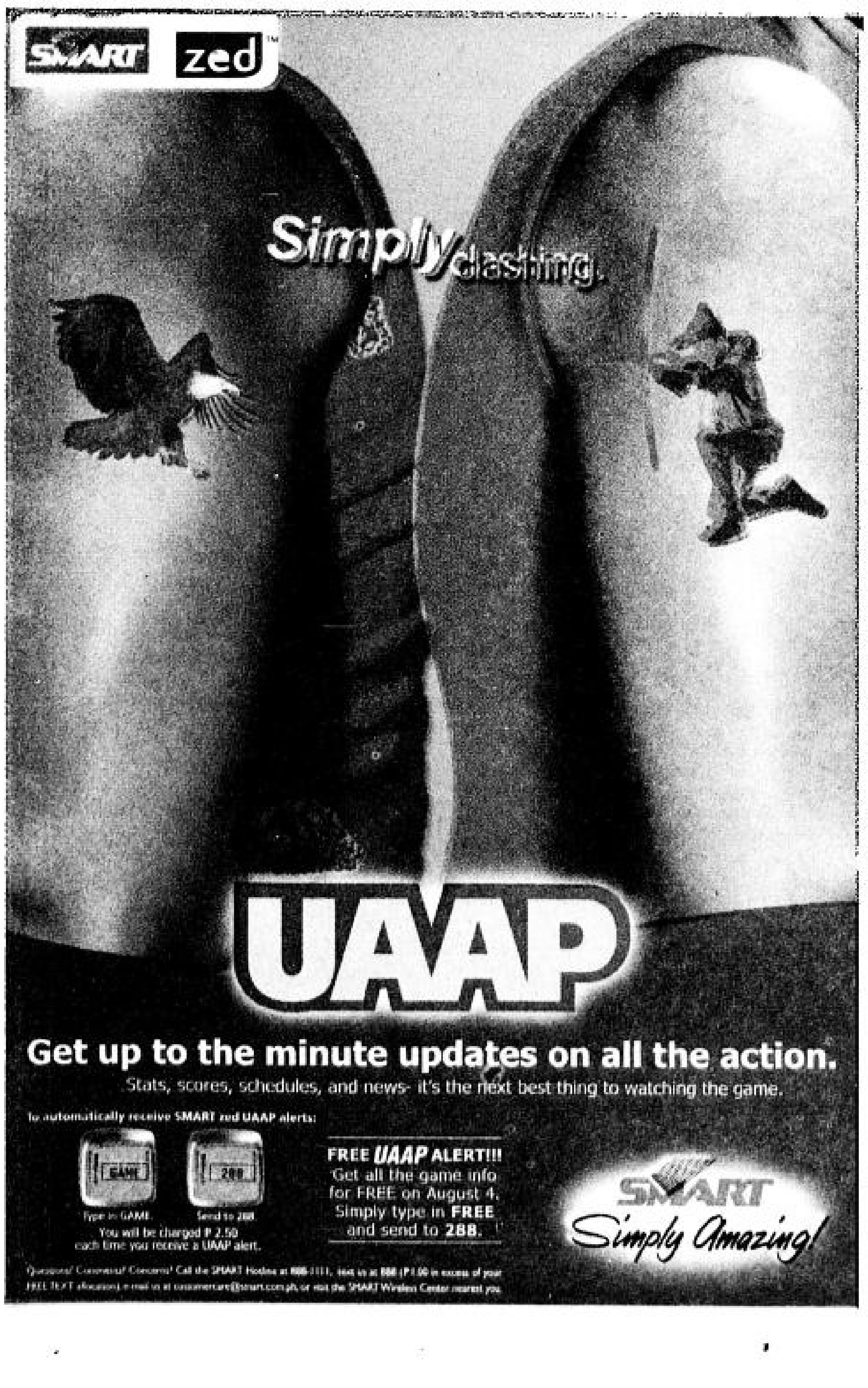
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The elimination round is on Aug. 27 and the finals on Aug. 29. Derby host is Richard Bates.

For appointment on farm-to-farm screening, call Bates at 0916-3156991, (046)-4140750, 824-0237 and 0916-3924512. Screening will also be held at the Mandaluyong Coliseum on Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ucap rules will be followed. Stags banded by Ucap, NGBA, Migba, Balbina and GF-BAN will be accepted but subject to re-classification. Entry fee is P15,000 and minimum bet is P11,000. Weight limits are from 1.7 kgs. to 2.2 kgs.

It's Guam

GUAM beat Saipan, 6-2, yesterday to clinch the Pacific division crown of the 2002 Asia Pacific Little League Baseball Tournament at the Rizal Memorial ballpark.

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Shell karting roars off

THE BIGGEST and most prestigious karting competition in the region—the Shell-Casino Filipino Asia Open Zone Championships—culminates today at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite.

More than 70 local and foreign karters are expected to see action in five categories in this premier karting competition organized by the Carmona Circuit Phils. and Automotive Association of the Philippines and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell, Casino Filipino, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Pagcor, Haagen-Dazs, Bridgestone Tires, ZED and Palmer Asia Inc.

"We expect an exciting race weekend. Both local and foreign karters have prepared very hard for this competition, which will also be held in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand," said Carmona Circuit Phils. manager Lot Tan.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain will be the guest of honor and speaker during the 11 a.m. opening ceremonies.

Buhain will declare the competition open, along with Shell vice president Romeo de Guzman, Casino Filipino chair Efraim Genuino and AAP Chair Mandy Eduque.

Also expected to grace the ceremony are Shell marketing manager Edwin Laset, Zed president Antt Lahtinen and Bridgestone Tires corporate legal adviser Philip Gan and AAP executive director Johnny Angeles.

The frankness of Franz

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

FRANZ Arcellana was the friendliest fictionist among our greatest of writers, living or dead. His death on July 31, at age 85, left a hole in my heart that can never be plugged. When I viewed his remains in the company of writer Sol Juvida yesterday at the Delaney Hall, an edifice resting beside the U.P. Chapel at U.P. Diliman, I whispered: "Dear God, thank you for including Franz among my dearest of friends."

Our friendship is a work of art.

Franz and I were never introduced to each other. Yet each time we met—in gatherings, at a park or a mall—he treated me as though he had known me for years. He would always shake my hand with the warmth of a true friend. His son Juaniyo (a poet more than a STAR deskman), whom I met years after I met Franz, is like a brother to me.

In 1980, I became a fellow of the U.P. Creative Writing Center.

"I personally picked you to join us," said Roger Sikat, the overseer of that year's affair. "Franz was very glad when he learned about your coming."

■

Franz, a U.P. man all his life, founded the Center in 1979.

Roger (may his soul rest in peace), one of the country's foremost writers in Filipino, was one of my early mentors in fiction writing. His contemporaries like Dominador B. Mirasol, Edgardo M. Reyes, Efren R. Abueg and Rogelio Ordoñez are among my idols up to now.

Midway into the Center's fellowship program in 1980, I was assigned to cover a basketball tournament in Bangkok for the Bulletin, where I began my sports writing career in 1974. Before I left for the Thai capital, I submitted several short stories for "roasting" at the fellowship workshop.

When I returned, fictionist/novelist Jun Cruz Reyes said: "I stumbled into one of your stories during the workshop. I roasted it with extreme delight. And that's because I didn't know it was yours."

Roger Sikat had a pleasant surprise for me: a diploma.

"Franz insisted that you be given one," said Roger, Odying to those close to him. "He never considered you absent."

In 1981, Franz had me inducted into the U.P. Writers Club, an honor I will treasure all my life. For one, I am not a U.P. alumnus. For another, it had been my dream to enter U.P. after high school. However, it got aborted in the queerest of ways. My parents (bless their souls) forgot to enroll me for a college degree (I had wanted to major in Foreign Service) at U.P. at the appointed time. Before we knew it, the enrollment was over; same with the other schools in Manila.

Perhaps, the real culprit was the carefree life attendant to provincial existence?

But thankfully, I have a brother-in-law (Eddie "Boy" Causon) who was kind enough to get me enrolled at the PCC (Philippine College of Commerce) along Lepanto St. The registrar (Esmeralda Roxas) happened to be his friend.

"I see no problem with your *bayaw*," the registrar, a tallish, fair-skinned lady with very strong features, told *Kuya* Eddie. "He's an entrance scholar so, he's most welcome to enter our school."

And with that, my dream to enter U.P. had been laid to rest?

Almost, but not quite.

■

Franz making me a member of the U.P. Writers Club in 1981—14 years after my aborted entry to U.P.—sort of took a semblance of my being finally a member of the U.P. community.

The last time I had my last warm conversation with Franz was in 1994, on the night I launched my first book, *Iskalper*.

There he was, seated alongside Odying, in one corner of SM Megamall's National Book Store, venue for the book launch. When Franz saw me arrive for the occasion, he rose to meet me. While shaking hands with him, he said, "Hey, Al, here I am even though you did not invite me."

I was speechless. If he was the friendliest, his frankness was legend.

"But don't worry," he said. "Odying here did a perfect pinch-hit job for you."

Odying, as you know, wrote the book's introduction.

Goodbye, Franz. Knowing you, I know you have forgiven me for that monumental slip.

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WBC chief files $56-M suit against Lewis, Tyson

SULAIMAN

NEW YORK—The president of the World Boxing Council has filed a $56 million lawsuit against Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis, saying he was knocked out, spat on and threatened during a fracas between the fighters at a news conference in January.

Jose Sulaiman said in court papers that he sustained severe physical and psychological injuries in the melee Jan. 22 in New York.

Sulaiman's lawsuit, filed late Thursday in Manhattan's State Supreme Court, asks for $2 million in actual damages on each of three causes of action and $50 million in punitive damages.

Tyson was introduced first at the news conference, and allegedly rushed Lewis when he stepped out. Neither fighter hit the other, but people jumped in to keep them apart.

Thomas Deas, Sulaiman's lawyer, said the 36-year-old Tyson knocked out and then threatened Sulaiman, 71, of Mexico City.

"When he got up after being knocked out, Tyson spat on him and threatened to kill him," Deas said.

The lawyer said Sulaiman had to undergo several dental surgeries to repair broken teeth and damaged bridgework.

Tyson's boxing adviser, Shelly Finkel, said he was surprised by the lawsuit. *AP*

ANNA ON A ROLL AP

Anna Kournikova sheds tears of joy after rallying to beat Anna Smashnova, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, and reach the semifinals of the Acura Classic in Carlsbad, California, on Friday. Kournikova, enjoying a four-match winning streak, faces Jelena Dokic in the next round. Dokic advanced by shocking No. 2 seed Jennifer Capriati, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. The other semifinal match will pit Venus Williams against Lindsay Davenport.

Fistorama today

SAN Miguel Beer's "Fistorama" today over RPN 9 starting at 12 noon features Randy Casinillo against Allan Fuentes in six rounds at 112 lbs. and Lionell Casinillo against Obet Desantores in four rounds at 107 lbs. The fights were held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila in a fight card promoted by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada. Fistorama, now on its second season, is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer.

All systems go for August Fore!

A MITSUBISHI Lancer GLX, motorcycles from Jieda and S. C. Kymco Pilipinas Inc. and appliance showcases will be up for grabs as hole-in-one prizes in the sixth August Fore! Invitational golf tournament on Aug. 9 at the Wack Wack west course in Mandaluyong.

All par-3 holes will have big prizes in store for acemakers aside from the many tournament and raffle items to be given away during the 18-hole event which is being held in honor of RI Past District Governor and current Monetary Board member Melito "Bimbo" Salazar. For particulars, please contact the tournament director at 435-1943 or 433-0782.

Senate Golf Reunion resumes Tuesday

AFTER the successful opening of the Manila Jaycees Senate (MJS) Golf Reunion at Manila Golf Club, the tournament resumes on Tuesday (Aug. 6) with the holding of the second leg at the Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club in Laguna.

The tournament, sponsored by PLDT Business Solutions and presented by Cats Motors, Hapee Toothpaste and the Philippine Sports Commission is once again expected to draw the leading senators of the world's multi-awarded Jaycee chapter like in the previous leg held at Manila Golf last month.

The second leg, honoring the late Jaycee senator Don Pablo Tan will also be sponsored by Gema Coco Foods Corp., Tactical Mix Communications Services, Fernando Vitug II Construction. Hole sponsors are Ramon Roco Insurance, Alexander Forbes Phils., Magic Fry Cooking Oil, Magnificat, Un-Form Packing and Trading Corp., Cargo-Aire Freight Forwarders, Inc., Gino Baltao and JBLS Painters.

JCI Sen. Joeben Santos emerged as the over-all champion at Manila Golf with Edmund Lee clinching the Class A crown and Louie Kierulf finishing second. Class B champion was Mon Villarama with Antonio Go as runnerup while Class C winner was MJC president Pros Madamba with Boyet Vega as runnerup. Antonio Co ruled the guest division where Benny Makatangkay wound up second.

McKay up by 1 shot

DUBLIN, Ohio—Scotland's Mhairi McKay fired a bogey-free 7-under-par 65 for a one-shot lead after the opening round of the one million dollar LPGA event here on Friday.

In steamy conditions, the 27-year-old Glasgow native collected an eagle and five birdies for a one-stroke lead over Rosie Jones, who finished fourth here last year. "Oh, I'm drained," said McKay, who is seeking the first win of her five-year career.

Jenny Rosales scored an 81 marred by a triple-bogey and a double-bogey to be in danger of missing her first cut in eight events. *AFP*

SPORTSWATCH

Buhain backing tracksters

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain is expected to accompany the national tracksters who will see action in the Asian track and field championships which will be held Aug. 9-12 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Aside from providing moral support to the crack athletics squad bannered by Eduardo Buenavista, Buhain would also represent the Philippine government in the turn-over ceremonies with Sri Lankan officials during the closing rites. The Philippines, through Buhain's support, gained the right to host the 2003 Asian championships. The country last staged the event in 1993. Athletics chief Go Teng Kok earlier announced that the Sri Lankan organizers have agreed to give the Philippines 20 minutes to announce its hosting during the closing ceremonies on Aug. 12. ***Marc Anthony Reyes***

Senators gracing 'Alay' concert

TOP government officials led by Senators Robert Jaworski and Robert Barbers promised to grace the fund-raising concert Alay sa Gintong Medalya slated Aug. 9 which will also be a send off to Team Philippines competing in the Busan Asian Games. Aside from the senators, Representatives Monico Puentevella and Conrado Estrella III also vowed to watch the event to be held at the Philsports Arena where noted performers like Gary Valenciano and Vina Morales lend their talents in behalf of the national athletes. National athletes, including those in the training and developmental pool, will also come in full force along with national sports association officials and heads of the Philippine Olympic Committee. "We want to make this event as memorable and as inspiring as possible," said PSC chair Eric Buhain. "This early, I can tell that it's going to be a very successful endeavor."

Marc Anthony Reyes

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Misa-Kraut pair shines

THE TOP-SEEDED tandem of Mike Misa and Julius Kraut of the Philippine Columbian Association stayed on track for a finals berth after a marathon three-set quarterfinals victory over seventh ranked Manila Polo Club duo of Derrick and Duane Santos in the Men's Open division at the resumption of the Wilson-Valle Verde Interclub Challenge recently.

Also keeping their bids alive were second seeds R. Villanueva and H.. Lee (VVCC) and No. 3 T. Payumo-R. Suarez (Manila Polo Club) who turned back D. Jimenez-J. Alcazaren (UP) and I. Santos-R. Kraut, respectively.

The semifinals of the tourney sponsored mainly by Wilson Sports Philippines will be held today Sunday, Aug. 4 with the finals set on Aug. 10.

In the men's senior quarterfinals, the fancied M. Miguel-T. Banaz (RSC) rallied to beat G. Almeda-M. Bonoan (VVCC) and were followed to the next round by R. Felix-R. Orsolino 9VVCC), N. Jimenez-T. Nepomuceno (UP) and D. Francisco-E. Erum (VVCC).

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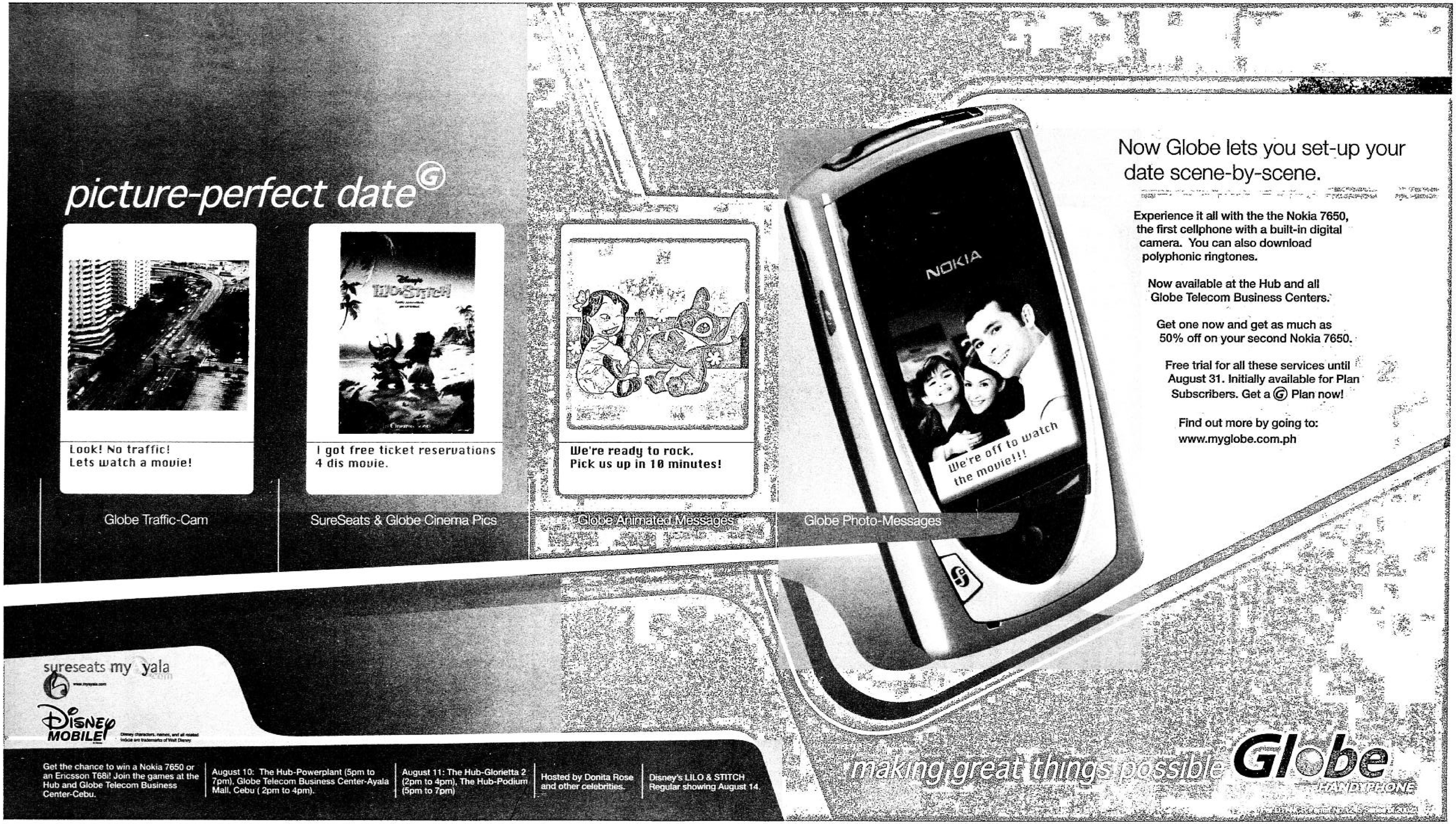

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Caloocan, Malabon to talk peace

VICENCIO

MALONZO

By Tina Santos

THE LEADERS of Caloocan and Malabon have agreed to sit down and discuss ways of resolving the dispute over some 40 hectares of land which both cities have been claiming.

Government officials on both sides decided to peacefully break the impasse after tension on Friday gripped the contested areas in Libis, Baesa, when Malabon officials attempted to secure the Libis Elementary School Annex. Residents of Libis and Caloocan officials resisted the Malabon authorities.

Caloocan City Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo said he has already talked to Malabon City Mayor Amado Vicencio, but said he remained firm in his claim that the disputed property is part of Caloocan since the residents

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Maynilad: Conserve water now and prepare for El Niño

IT BLOWS hot, it blows cold. It brings fire and rain, feast and famine. But what exactly is El Niño?

El Niño, according to Maynilad Water, is a season that stays for an unspecified period of time. Just as yellow-orange leaves are associated with fall, or snow with winter, there are certain expected changes in climate and weather patterns in El Niño.

In El Nino, warm surface water from the western parts of the tropical Pacific Ocean "invades" the central and eastern parts of the ocean. Together with the fluctuating level of atmospheric pressure (also called southern oscillation) between Australia and Tahiti, this produces the basin-wide phenomenon that scientists refer to as the El Niño Southern Oscillation or Enso.

This event recurs between two to 10 years. Now, after more than four years, it has already started again, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

But forecasting the onset of El Niño doesn't tell much about its magnitude, duration or impact. The last episode took place in 1997, when Ecuador, Peru and Chile were subjected to sharp increases in seasonal rainfall, leading to flood-related death and destruction. Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia and China suffered severe drought conditions, with major effects on national and regional food production.

Of all the water on earth, 97.5 percent is salt water. Of the remaining 2.5 percent of fresh water, 70 percent is frozen, with the balance found mostly underground. This amounts to a total of less than one percent of the world's fresh water available and accessible for direct use.

In the Philippines, El Niño is drying up the water resources. According to Maynilad, the firm's water production decreased by 40 percent in 1997 due to El Niño.

"Without water, there is no life," says Jess Matubis, Maynilad assistant vice president for corporate affairs.

"That is why we encourage the residents of Manila to conserve water so that we're prepared when El Niño comes," he adds.

Scientists consider El Niño part of a cycle, with a positive side. In parts of the world where strong rains fall, it brings food, water supply, and even improves health in poor communities. Donald Wermly, NOAA chief of customer service, said, "We're never going to be able to change weather, but natural hazards do not have to become natural disasters."

Maynilad suggests these easy-to-follow water conservation tips:

Do not leave the tap open when washing. Don't take long showers, which are unnecessary. Recycle dirty water. Water for cleaning vegetables can also be use to water plants.

Do not water plants in the warmest times of the day because half the water used will only evaporate.

Use a pail instead of a hose when washing the car or cleaning the driveway. When washing dishes or clothes, use the correct amount of detergent to reduce the amount of water needed for rinsing. Wash with a fully loaded washing machine at all times. Soak greasy dishes in hot water first.

"The water saved today may be the water we will need when El Nino comes," Matubis said. "Let's be prepared for El Nino."

Cleanest city goes after smoke belchers

Christian V. Esguerra

THE CLEANEST and greenest city in Metro Manila is going after smoke belchers.

Las Piñas Mayor Vergel Aguilar on Thursday announced the deployment of at least 25 men to go after vehicles with busted engines that emit thick smoke.

Owners of smoke belching vehicles will be fined P1,000 to P5,000 on top of the cancellation of the vehicle franchise and the confiscation of driving licenses and plate numbers, the mayor said in a statement.

Aguilar told bus and jeepney operators and other vehicle owners to check their engines to ensure that they would not violate the Clean Air Act of 1999 which penalizes smoke belching.

Citing records from the city's traffic office, the mayor said more than 100,000 vehicles ply the busy Alabang-Zapote Road and secondary streets.

The drive against smoke belching, however, could be in jeopardy unless the city government has instruments that can detect excessive emission of vehicle smoke.

The Land Transportation Office had earlier admitted that it has only two smoke belching detection instruments, one of which was broken. The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority supposedly has 15.

Casual means no permanent job—Fernando

By Leila B. Salaverria

THAT'S what being a casual is all about: You don't have a permanent job.

Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando said this on Friday when asked for comment about the uproar from around 2,000 casual and job order employees of the MMDA who have not been reappointed for August while their jobs are being evaluated and assessed.

"That's the nature of being a casual employee," Fernando said. "You don't have a permanent job. If you have a permanent job, then you're not a casual."

When asked about the fate of casual employees who have been with the MMDA for more than 10 or 20 years, Fernando said there is nothing he could do.

"If they are casual employees, what can I do?" he said.

The employees had said their situation is "emotionally distressing" because they don't know whether they still have a job after learning that they were appointed only up to July 31. Some had also complained that Fernando has yet to inform them whether they would be appointed for the coming months.

They said it is difficult for them to concentrate on their jobs because of their uncertain status.

Fernando said he is still waiting for the recommendation from the employees' supervisors before deciding on the workers' fate.

Since the non-permanent employees were not told to stop working despite not being reappointed, they would be compensated for services rendered, he added.

"As long as they are working and are not told to stop, they would be paid," Fernando said.

REPORTER OF THE YEAR JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Inquirer Reporter Michael Lim Ubac, accompanied by his mother Arlene L. Ubac, receives the award for "Outstanding Reporter of the Year" during the fourth founding anniversary of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption. The award was presented by (from left) VACC chair Dante Jimenez, Lauro Vizconde and Sen. Francis Pangilinan.

Use 'no relocation, no demolition' rule—Oreta

OPPOSITION Senator Teresa Aquino Oreta said Malacañang should tell the Metro Manila Development Authority to adopt the "no relocation, no demolition" policy in the case of the estimated 100,000 families who might be displaced by government projects.

Oreta made the suggestion in response to fears raised by nongovernment organizations and urban poor groups that the houses of about 100,000 families are in danger of being knocked down in the Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela (Camanava) area, along the Pasig River, and on the shoreline of the Laguna Lake once the MMDA implements the Camanava flood-control project, the Pasig River rehabilitation project, and the P2.8-billion mega dike in Taguig, Pasig City and a portion of Taytay, Rizal.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando had been quoted as saying that families living within the 10-meter easement of the affected rivers and waterways are classified as squatters and their houses would be demolished to give way to the anti-flood projects.

Fernando reportedly had pledged to clear all waterways of squatters right after the MMDA took over the flood-control functions of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Oreta pointed out that the no-relocation, no-demolition policy had been implemented by the previous administration. She said relocation or resettlement sites were first put up for residents of the so-called "danger zones" before their shanties were actually demolished.

'Presidente' keeps Chinatown safe

By Henry Barrameda, Contributor

THE 117 FILES

BARANGAY Captain Sing Seng of Barangay 295 in Manila's Chinatown had to cancel our first interview appointment at the last minute. He had to attend to a case of domestic squabble that escalated into a case of domestic disturbance.

Doing Sing's work is like being a doctor who's on call 24/7. Anyone willing to do the same must be fully committed to devote a lot of time to community service.

The Barangay 295 headquarters in Chinatown, in Binondo is contrary to everything that we expect of a barangay center. We are in Chinatown, where the narrow and winding streets still confound the first-time visitor. The place is still cramped compared to other parts of the metropolis, but now it hardly reeks of garbage and is not as grimy and smoke-filled as it used to be.

Crowded any time of the day, Chinatown is the picture of a peaceful neighborhood even at night. Credit that to the Ronda Patrol that roves around the barangay nightly, and to the able leadership of Barangay Chair Sing Seng, who was awarded as one of the Ten Outstanding Manilans in the year 2000.

Estero cleanup

Sing Seng came at a time when the neighborhood had nearly lost all hope of redevelopment. For this particular barangay and for the rest of Chinatown, hope now resides in the little store called Sing Seng Hardware shop, where the barangay chair has lived nearly all his life, three decades of which he has devoted to community service.

Sing Seng considers the cleanup of the esteros his biggest accomplishment. The cleanup started after he bought a banca to navigate the murky, mosquito-infested waterway and collect all forms of waste. Today, the barangay has four bancas doing the cleanup in an even more thorough fashion.

Soon, he will again organize Chinatown's different barangays to get them to participate actively in cleaning up the rest of Chinatown.

Peace and order

But the greater and tougher part of his job, he has learned, is keeping the peace and order and security in his barangay. After all, the place had earned a notoriety for its crime incidents. Though crimes are still being reported, he is proud to have helped reduce the city area's claim to infamy.

The changes in the peace and order are more apparent now with the entry of patrol groups made possible by the Patrol 117 program of the Department of Interior and Local Government. Noting that crime prevention and security are not for the government to preserve and protect alone, the DILG sought the help of local government units in the program's operation and implementation.

The local government units in turn gathered their own forces to set up the patrol groups. The groups are tasked to go around the barangays nightly in search of would-be crime perpetrators. They also respond to the calls for help relayed to them by the Call 117 operators. Upon receiving the calls by radio, they run to the scene of the crime.

Since Patrol 117's Ronda Patrol group was established in Barangay 295 last November, more than 800 cases have been solved. Seng and his men are able to coordinate and work closely with police officers.

Active

Presidente, as his colleagues fondly refer to Sing, is devoting all of his time to his work as chair of Barangay 295 and as president of the Manila Chinatown Barangay Organization (MCBO). He has left the care of his family's business to his children.

Already 71 years old (74 in Chinese years, he says), Sing Seng is still active and says he will not give up his job until he sees another able-bodied and able-minded man to replace him.

"The problem is, there's so much to do and so little time," Sing Seng says in Filipino. "If I could only do something about everything."

In the last two decades, Sing Seng has missed only one term as barangay chair.

Sing Seng says he simply wanted a neighborhood that was safe. Indeed, he has made changes happen and has helped make the residents of Chinatown feel safe.

Death threats

The barangay's Ronda Patrol logbook is a testimony to the success of the efforts of Sing Seng and his team. In the logbook are hundreds of reports detailing all complaints, including the suspects, weapons and even sketches. The cases that have been solved include robbery, holdup, cell phone snatching, prostitution, drug abuse, and gang wars.

Sing Seng and his team said they have received death threats for their efforts. When asked how they handle the threats, Sing Seng simply says, "That's all part of the job."

Led by the radio-based Ronda Patrol group of Ramon Morales, the security team of 50 is out on the streets all night. "Station" is their base where they have their own desk and where they have access to Col. Jojo de Guzman, whose men can respond to calls at any time of the night.

"There is strength in numbers," Morales says.

Excuses

The hardest part of solving crimes is that complainants are hesitant to come forward when the suspects have been arrested. Some complainants would give petty but disappointing reasons for not coming forward and formally filing the complaint.

"It's dismaying when the complainants say that they don't have time or that they don't want any more trouble," says Sing.

Still, they try to convince the complainants to file a formal complaint.

BARANGAY CAPTAIN Sing Seng. So much to do, so little time.

For Sing, success is seeing the neighborhood quietly going about its business.

"Vendors used to be everywhere," he says. "Now they know where they should stay. This way, you address not only the matter of cleanliness but also the traffic."

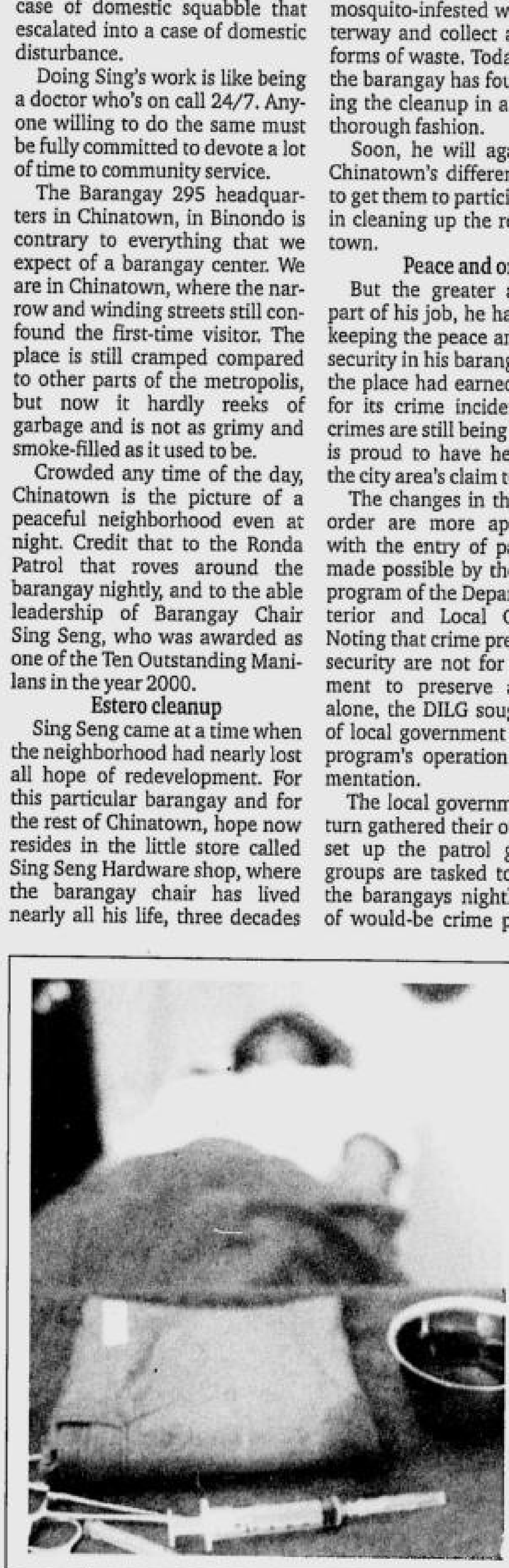
Rewards

Sing Seng says community service is a very tough job, so he makes it a point to personally handle all issues that need to be addressed.

If the job is so tough, why has he spent so many years in the job?

"I saw no one able enough to handle the job," he says.

For all that he has done, Barangay Captain Sing Seng has reaped rewards in the form of citations and medals. While he appreciates these tokens, he says nothing is more rewarding than seeing a peaceful Chinatown.



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A 36-year-old father of six decided to undergo vasectomy during Marikina's Family Planning Day last Thursday at the city's Riverbank. Condoms were also distributed and tubal ligation was performed, all for free.

JOAN BONDOC

Caloocan, Malabon to talk peace

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have been paying their taxes to the city.

"Mayor Vicencio and I have agreed to peacefully resolve the issue," Malonzo said. "But I want to assure the residents that I will continue fighting for their right to the land."

But Malonzo may find the going rough in Malabon for city officials there are not about to yield the property to Caloocan.

"The question of which city owns the territory is (not the issue), since the cadastral survey has already defined our territorial rights," said the Malabon City administrator, Judge Sarmilo Barlongay. "It is clear that the (contested property) truly belongs to Malabon."

The city administrator confirmed that Malabon officials had gone to the school in an attempt to establish their authority there, bringing with them equipment for the students there. He also admitted that they were stopped by the residents and by Caloocan officials.

"The Malabon City government has the right to govern there since the two barangays are within our territory," Barlongay said. "We can provide even better services than (Caloocan officials)."

But Malonzo deplored the incident, saying that the "untimely" attempt of Malabon City to "take over" barangays 160 and 161 in Libis, Baesa only added to the tension in the area.

"The school was constructed using the Countrywide Development Fund of former Rep. Bobby Guanzon, so the Caloocan City government has the right to control it," Malonzo said.

He said the resistance put up by the residents only proved that the people don't want to be under Malabon City.

The two barangays became part of Malabon upon the passage of Republic Act No. 9019 which converted the municipality of Malabon into a highly urbanized city

My Brother's Moustache opens in Makati

AFTER the rousing success of My Brother's Moustache in Quezon City, the folk music bar opened another branch in Makati.

The country's top folk music acts led by Florante, Asin, Labuyo and Jess Bartolome gathered for the grand opening of My Brother's Moustache last Friday, Aug. 2. The Makati branch is at La Fuerza Plaza along Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Sabio St., between Pasay Road and Edsa.

The theater-like ambiance of the Makati branch is a lot roomier than the pioneering Quezon City folk bar, but features the same music, reasonably priced drinks and menu which has kept both folk music aficionados flocking to My Brother's Moustache.

Apart from folk music standards by such music greats as James Taylor, Paul Simon and other foreign singer-songwriters, My Brother's Moustache has also become known as a haven for local folk music by Florante, Banyuhay, Gary Granada and other performers.

Like the original bar on Scout Borromeo and Mother Ignacia in Quezon City, My Brother's Moustache is open nightly from Mondays to Saturdays, according to owners Boy and Gigi Vinzon.

REGULAR PERFORMERS. Jess Bartolome of Banyuhay and friends at My Brother's Moustache.

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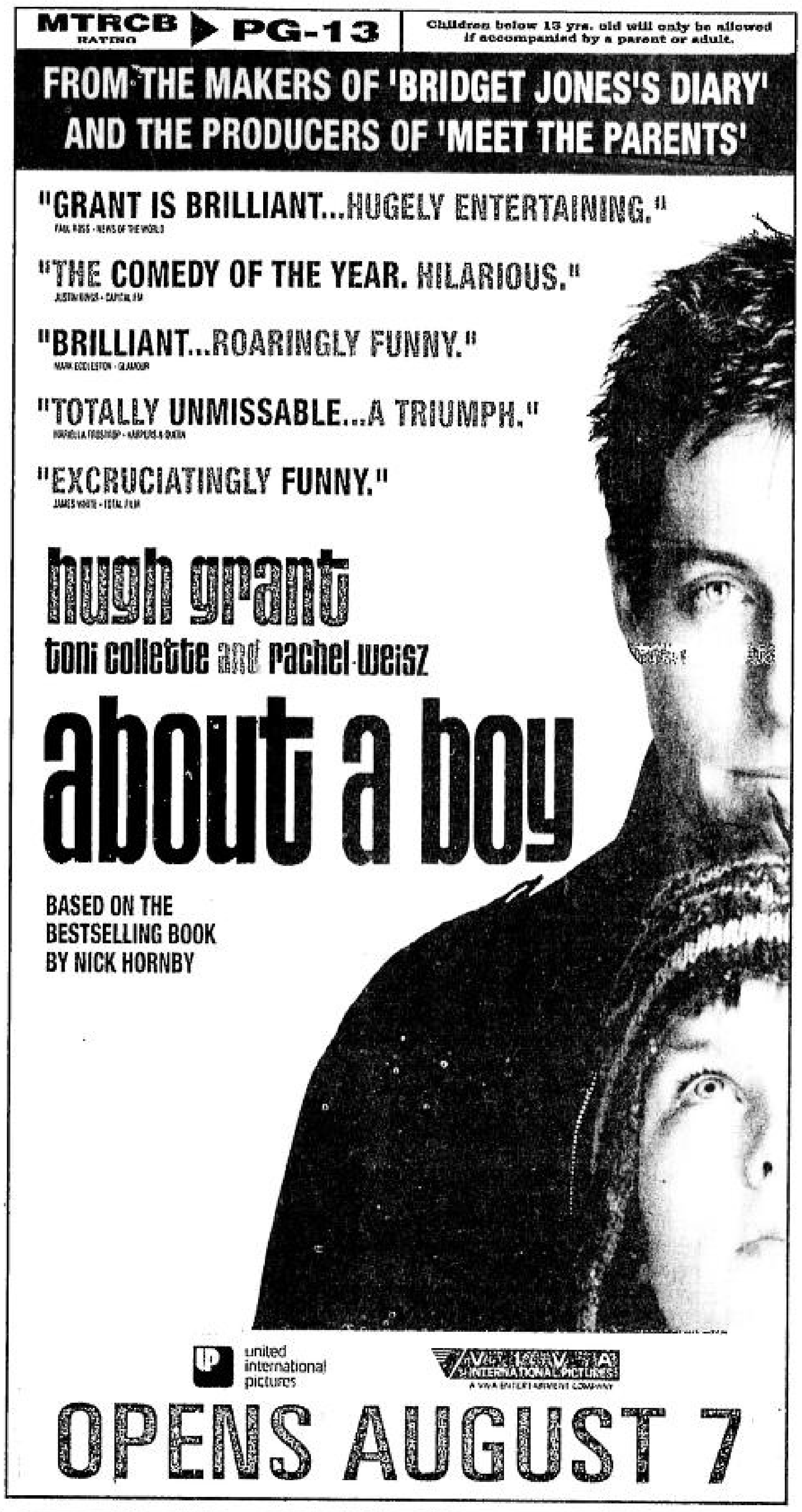

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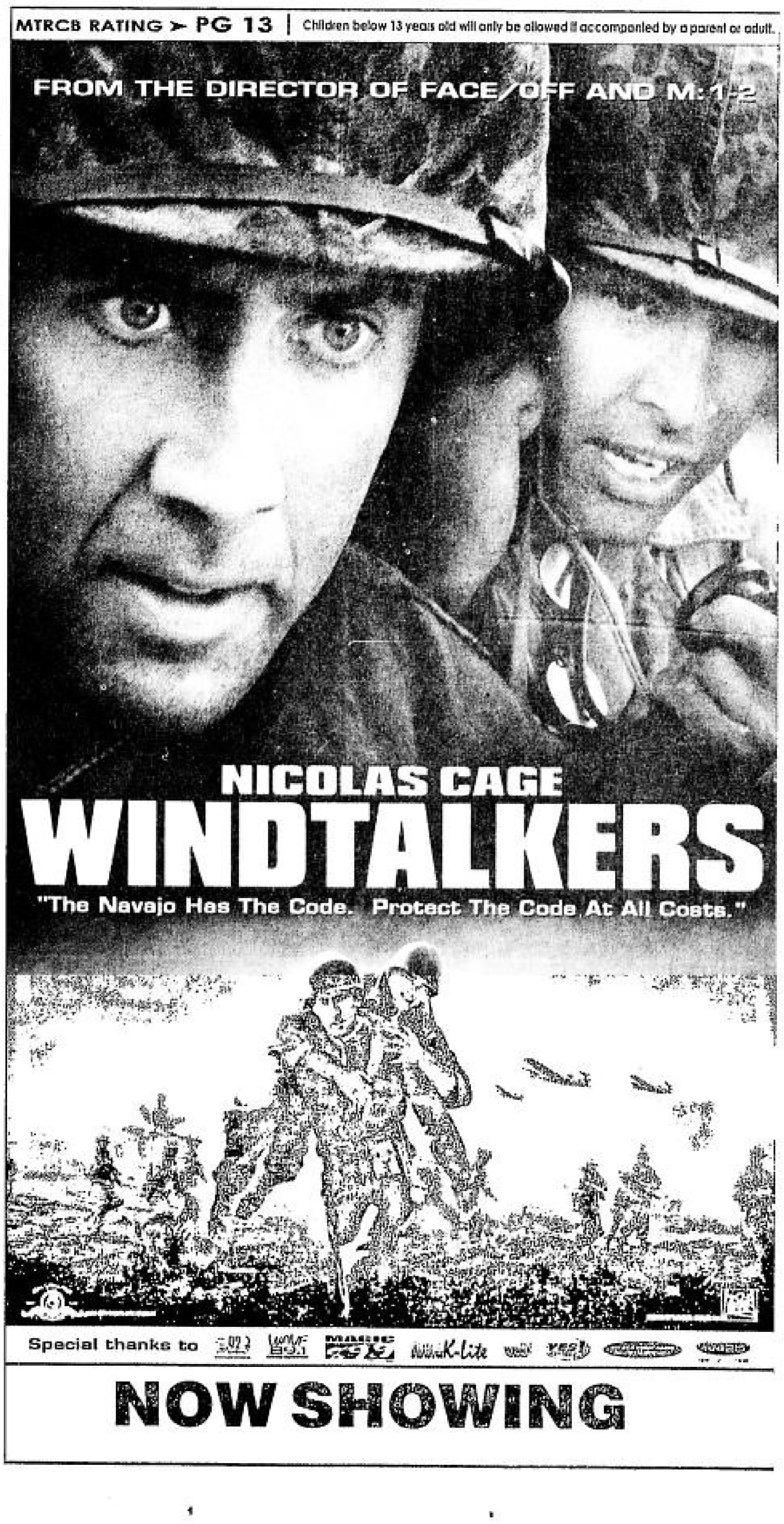

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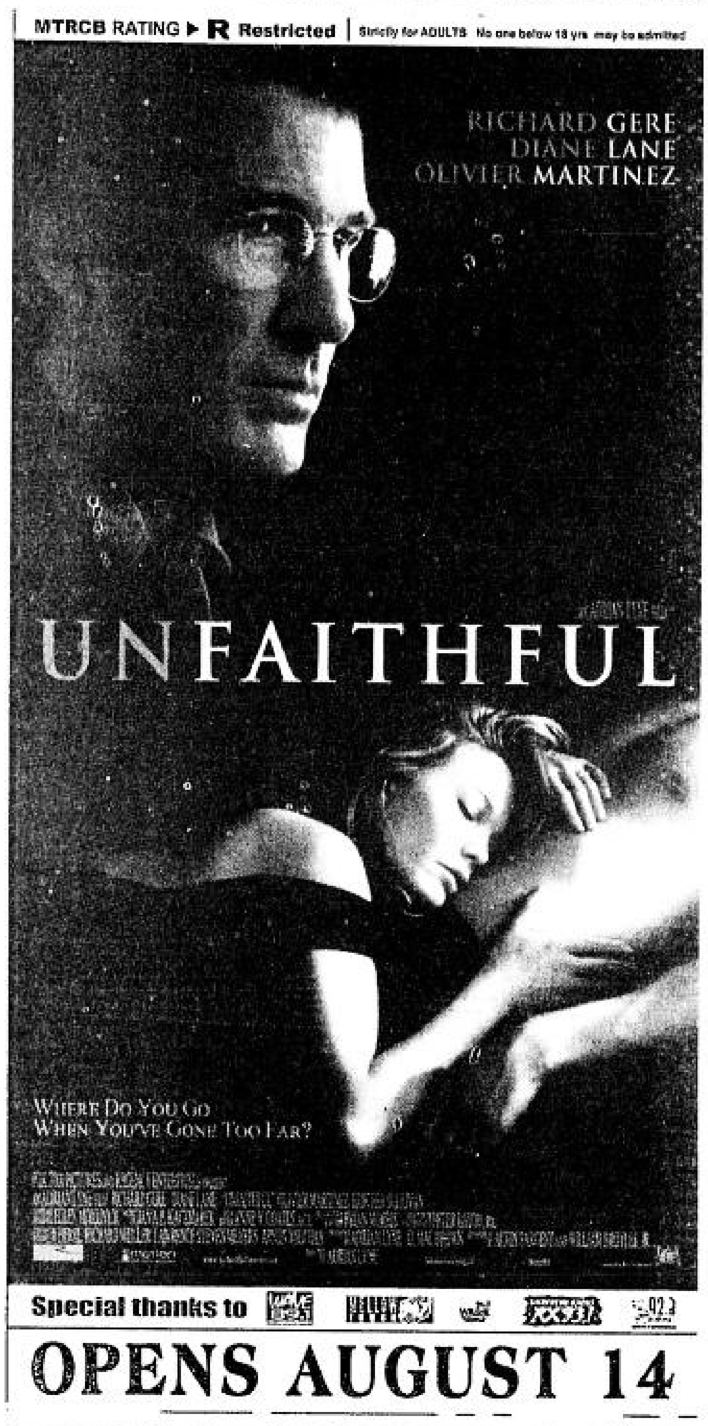

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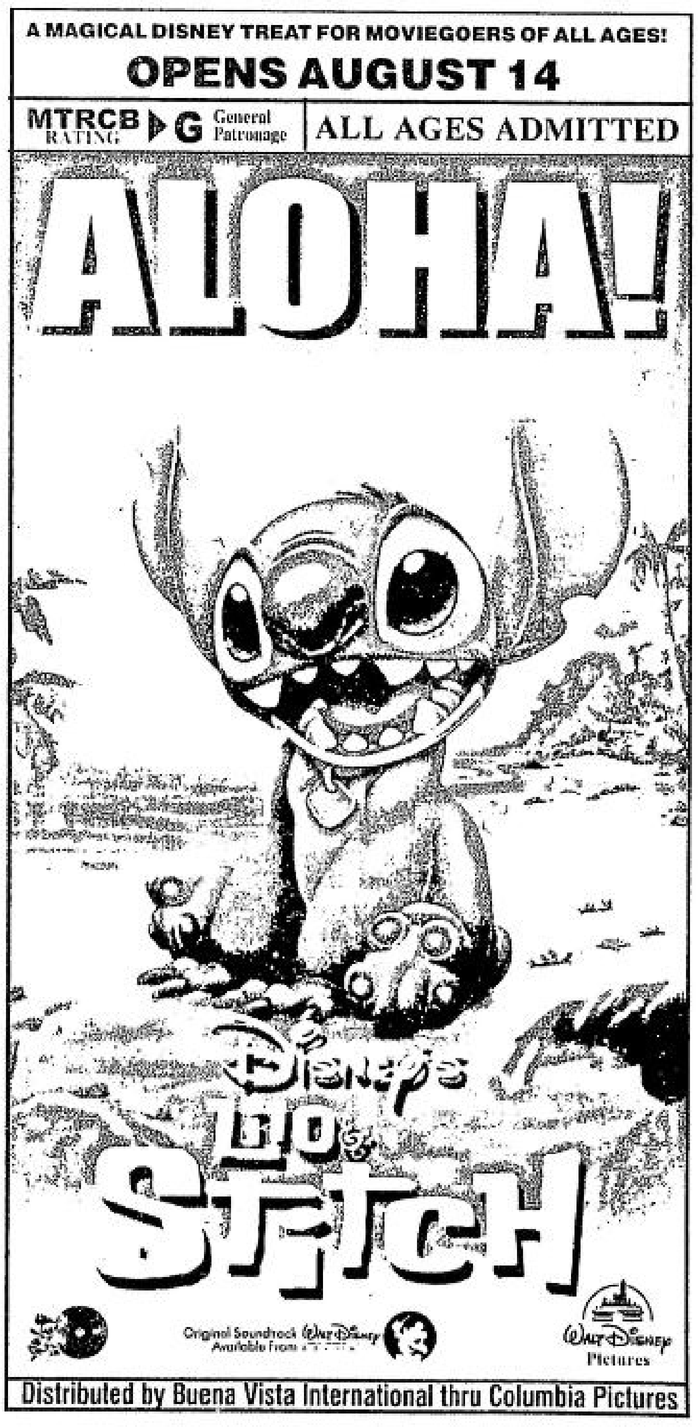

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'All is well between ABS-CBN and talents'

By Marinel R. Cruz

ALL IS well between our talents and ABS-CBN.

So said the managers of singers who were earlier reported as saying that even in the absence of a contract, the network had restricted the singers from appearing on "S.O.P" on GMA 7 even as it did not give them enough exposure on ABS-CBN's "Asap."

"There is no truth to that," said one talent manager, who asked not to be identified. "In fact, we recently had a meeting with 'Asap' regarding their plans for (the singer she manages) for the whole year."

An ABS-CBN talent coordinator also denied the reported banning of three regular performers from "Asap" after the performers had aired their distress over the restrictions.

"It's not true," the talent coordinator said of the reported ban.

"Another talent was even supposed to guest on 'Asap' this Sunday (Aug. 4) but she has prior engagements," said another talent manager.

In a July 26 article here, singers Bituin Escalante, Anna Fegi, Cris Villonco and Geneva Cruz had told this writer that ABS-CBN was forbidding them from appearing on "Asap's" rival show on GMA, "S.O.P." while not giving them enough exposure on "Asap."

After the INQUIRER article was published, one of the singers who talked in the story sent a text message to this writer. "You have my manager panicking over your piece," the message said. "ABS-CBN *daw* was furious."

The singer later said she was afraid the channel might ban them from "Asap" because of the story.

"It's not true at all," an ABS-CBN insider said when asked to comment about the singer's fear of a "ban."

Escalante, Fegi, Cruz and Villonco, along with Vina Morales and Agot Isidro, were launched in March 2001 as regular performers of "Asap."

Bituin is in the cast of Atlantis Productions' "Tick, Tick . . . Boom," which runs until Aug. 11 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza on Ayala Avenue in Makati.

Bituin impressed audiences in "Seasons of Love" in 1999 and in the 1999 and October 2001 staging of Jonathan Larson's "Rent" in Manila and in Singapore. She has just finished a show called "Amazing Nights at the NBC Tent" with Ryan Cayabyab and Anna Fegi under Butterfly Productions.

Early this year, Anna released her debut album titled "Anna Fegi: Every Step of the Way" from BMG Records. She played Maureen in the February 2001 staging of "Rent" in the 900-seater Victoria Theater in Singapore.

Geneva, one of the pioneering members of Smokey Mountain, had a show in Guam last July 20 with Rannie Raymundo. She was also featured in the Andrew E film comedy "Burles King . . . Daw O" with Blakdyak and Janet McBride from FLT Films early this year.

Affleck and Damon help gifted young filmmakers get their start

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

ASPIRING film writers and directors would do well to follow the "Project Greenlight" series currently being telecast on the Cinemax channel (Mondays at 8:30 p.m.). The series details how Miramax's screenwriting contest was conducted, how the winner of $1M was chosen, and how he proceeded to turn his script into a film.

The prime movers were **Ben Affleck** and **Matt Damon**, who had such a hard time getting their start in Hollywood that they decided to conduct this contest to make it easier for other new talents to "get the green light'" to do their dream projects.

The first episode detailed how the 10,000 entries were "peer-judged" by the contestants themselves, until 250 semi-finalists emerged. Industry professionals went through the 250 scripts and winnowed them down to 30, the writers of which were then asked to shoot brief film bios, which showed how well they conceptualized visuals, worked with a camera, and "sold" themselves.

After viewing these film bios, Affleck, Damon and company chose 10 finalists, who were required to shoot a scene each from their scripts, and were flown to Hollywood for the final selection process.

There was only one woman among the finalists, and one of the men was a pastor. The others pretty much came from advertising, internet services, graphic design and other fields more related to filmmaking.

After meeting the 10 finalists, the contest organizers had a problem: all of the 10 "survivors" were passionate about working in films, but if they didn't win the competition, they would go back to "zero options."

Affleck was thus worried that the contest would be a traumatic experience for the losing finalists, who had been given a "taste" of Hollywood, only to be dumped back to oblivion again.

That's why he tried to persuade the Miramax officials who judged this final stage to announce more than just one winner—or, failing that, at least to option some of the other finalist scripts, to give their writers some hope that their screenplays could eventually be made into movies.

Despite some vague promises made in this regard, the only sure thing was that one winner was to be chosen. But first, the field had to be further cut down to three "final-finalists."

This turned out to be "bloody," because the judges had a hard time finding people who not just wrote well but knew how to direct as well. In clarifying their choices, they had to be brutally frank in analyzing each writer-director's skills, and their analyses are included in the series, for all the world to hear.

After the final three had been chosen, the judges met again to pick the lone winner of the $1M prize. They figured that it would take them two hours to do that—but the process proved to be so complex and contentious that they were holed up in their hotel suite for eight hours!

It was instructive to hear the Miramax officials tear down the three scripts, indicating their major flaws and how they could be remedied. A major concern on their part was "accessibility"—would viewers be able to understand and empathize with the story?

Next, was the writer even aware that his script had problems, let alone know how to fix them?

Finally, was the filmmaker so passionate about his material that he would do anything to turn it into a good film?

The discussion became so contentious that the three finalists were roused from their sleep to "pitch" their stories again to the exhausted judges.

This was when the judges saw that, although he may not have been the best director of the three, **Pete Jones**, the writer of "Stolen Summer," told the best, most accessible story, and was most passionate about becoming a filmmaker. So, they gave him the $1M prize.

It had taken Jones more than three years to write his script, and he had

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What made Jolina decide to leave ABS-CBN for GMA 7

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TEEN star **Jolina Magdangal** admits that moving to rival network GMA 7, after being with ABS-CBN for 12 years, was the hardest decision she has had to make so far.

Leaving the network that gave her big breaks and catapulted her to fame was hard enough. Saying goodbye to the people who were behind her rise was even harder.

"It was the most difficult period in my career," Jolina says. "There were people who made it difficult for me and my dad (**Jun Magdangal**) to decide. But ultimately, I had to make the decision."

When Jolina's ABS-CBN contract expired last May, her dad, who also acts as her manager, felt he had to decide once and for all for his daughter.

"We had a dialog with the top ABS-CBN executives, but it was not a negotiation," Mr Magdangal offers. "They wanted an all-or-nothing deal. But as early as April, I was already telling them we didn't want to sign an exclusive contract.

"They tied her down for 12 years. She gave up a lot of opportunities because of the exclusive contract. Other stars her age had a chance to compete outside the network, but not Jolina."

Yet, there's no bad blood between Jolina and her erstwhile network, according to her dad.

"I know it was sad for her to leave ABS-CBN," Mr. Magdangal says. "She developed friends and emotional attachment to so many people there, from the artists to the management people to the production crew. But I told Jolina that if those relationships would hinder her growth, she had to give them up. She has to have room to grow.

"We don't deny the fact that ABS-CBN had done a great deal for Jolina's career. But the network is developing so many other stars now."

Even while she was still with ABS-CBN, Jolina didn't stop getting offers from other networks. Aside from GMA 7, she received offers from Viva TV, RPN 9, ABC 5 and IBC 13.

"We sought out people who made offers before, then we studied their offers and talked to Jolina's fans before we made the decision," Mr. Magdangal says. "Through the Internet, we asked for the comments of fans from as far as California, where Jolina has a fan club base.

"I had to explain to Jolina that it's part of moving on. Even if she had to go through such an emotional situation, she had to decide. I told her the pain would go away one day."

When she left ABS-CBN, there was talk about how she and her dad were both very hard to deal with. Jolina's rivalry with **Judy Ann Santos** was also not spared, which all the more saddened Jolina.

"Judy Ann has always been a good friend," Jolina says. "My transfer to GMA 7 has nothing to do with our friendship."

Her father laments that while his daughter was being lambasted because of the rivalry with Judy Ann, ABS-CBN did not lift a finger to protect Jolina.

"There wasn't any damage control on the part of the network," he says. "Jolina didn't get one hundred percent support in the face of the intrigues. There were rumors which only muddled the issue, so Jolina was disgusted, angry and disappointed."

Mr. Magdangal knows he has a very big influence on the private life and career of his daughter.

"Others are even saying that I'm her alter ego and I don't really mind," he grants. "I think her feet remain firmly planted on the ground because she has always been attached to her family. Her family is the wind beneath her wings. Even if she's the breadwinner, she knows that if she loses the support of her family, she will be nothing."

He says Jolina's non-exclusive contract with GMA 7 is on a per project or program basis. They are assured that the 23-year-old star will be supported by the network in every project.

"In every offer that comes our way, I consider three important things," says Mr Magdangal. "Will the role be good for Jolina? Will it have a good impact on her career and on other young people? The last consideration is the budget. If we can answer all of that, that means we have a satisfactory offer."

Contrary to the perception that Jolina's career will dwindle and offers will stop coming after she leaves ABS-CBN, the young star has an even busier calendar now.

Jolina makes her GMA 7 debut today in the weekly drama-comedy series, "Kahit Kailan," which airs at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Her role of Frankie, a headstrong girl with

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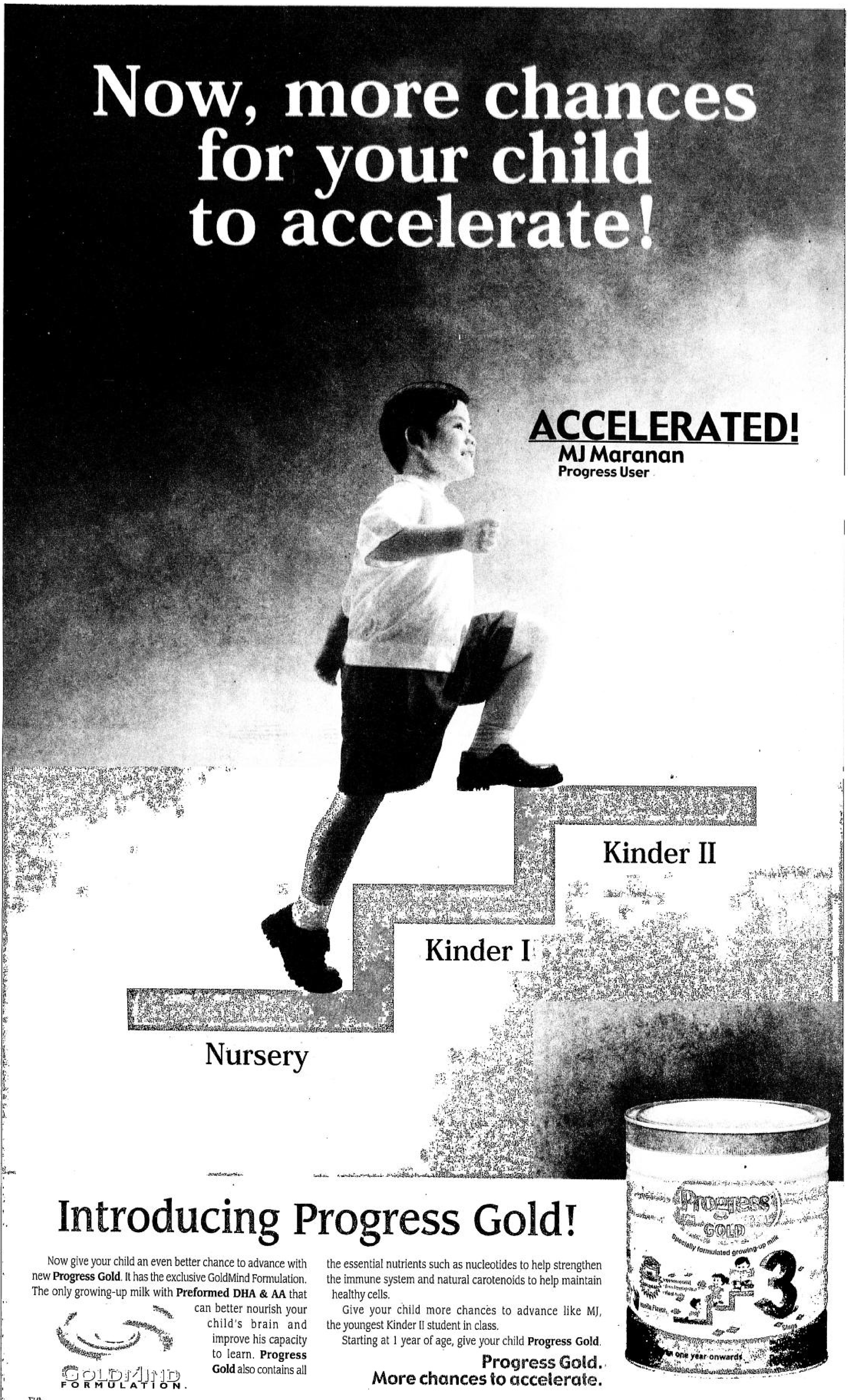
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a golden heart, allows her to display her dramatic skills, as well as her flair for comedy.

She left last Thursday for a two-week concert tour in the US West Coast—San Francisco (Aug. 3), Sacramento (Aug. 4), San Diego (Aug. 10) and Los Angeles (Aug. 11). She will also visit her Jolina Fashion Gallery in West Covina to launch the on-line business of Jolina products.

When she returns to the country middle of August, she will also open her fashion gallery and snack bar at the Storyland of SM Fairview.

"She has to prove now, more than ever, that she's still popular," says Mr Magdangal. "That should quell her detractors from saying nasty things about her."

'Lion King' auditions

AN Australian team from Walt Disney Productions is in town to audition talents for "The Lion King," to be staged in Sydney in October 2003.

A number of local talents tried it out in the preliminary auditions early last week. Three of the talents from the first batch who were called back for the second auditions today are **Calvin Millado, Anna Fegi** and **Bituin Escalante.**

Calvin was called for the part of Mufasa, Simba's dad. Anna was called for Nala, Simba's friend, while Bituin was asked to do the part of the baboon Rafiki, the narrator throughout the whole musical.

"Lion King" debuted on Broadway in 1998 and was later staged in London's West End. The Australian production will be the third worldwide run of the Disney musical.

I got the chance to watch "Lion King" on Broadway in January 1999, with Philippine Star's **Ricky Lo.** Call me over-acting, but the breathtaking opening scene of the musical where all the animal characters are introduced onstage in a spectacular production number for "Circle of Life," made me cry. It was simply awesome.

The Australian production of "Lion King" next year will give Asians a chance to watch the acclaimed musical.

Dong Alegre, the producer of "Miss Saigon" in Manila, supervises the "Lion King" auditions here with the Disney team from Australia.

Calvin, Anna and Bituin are scheduled to audition at 5 p.m. today at the GSIS Theater. I hope they will all bag the roles which they were called back for. That should be a big break for their respective careers.

Calvin, Anna and Bituin were cast in "Rent," which was staged in Manila and Singapore. Calvin also previously starred in "Chess." Bituin is now part of the three-member cast of "Tick, Tick. . . Boom," which runs at the RCBC Theater until Aug. 11

I was told that Anna's younger sister, who has a voice as powerful as hers, also flew in from Cebu to audition for "Lion King."

Affleck and Damon . . .

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gotten a lot of criticism from the judges, but it had all been worth it. After he shot his film, it was shown at the Sundance Film Festival to general acclaim, and he's in the movies for keeps.

The bonus: aside from "Stolen Summer," Miramax also decided to film another finalist, "Speakeasy." So, at least two young unknowns were given their big break as filmmakers by Project Greenlight—thanks to Affleck and Damon, Hollywood stars who have made it their mission to help gifted new filmmakers get their start.

'K-19: The Widowmaker'

HARRISON Ford's latest starrer, "K-19: The Widowmaker," is getting good notices from advance audience. It is cited for its outstanding performances (by Ford and **Liam Neeson**) and direction (**Kathryn Bigelow**).

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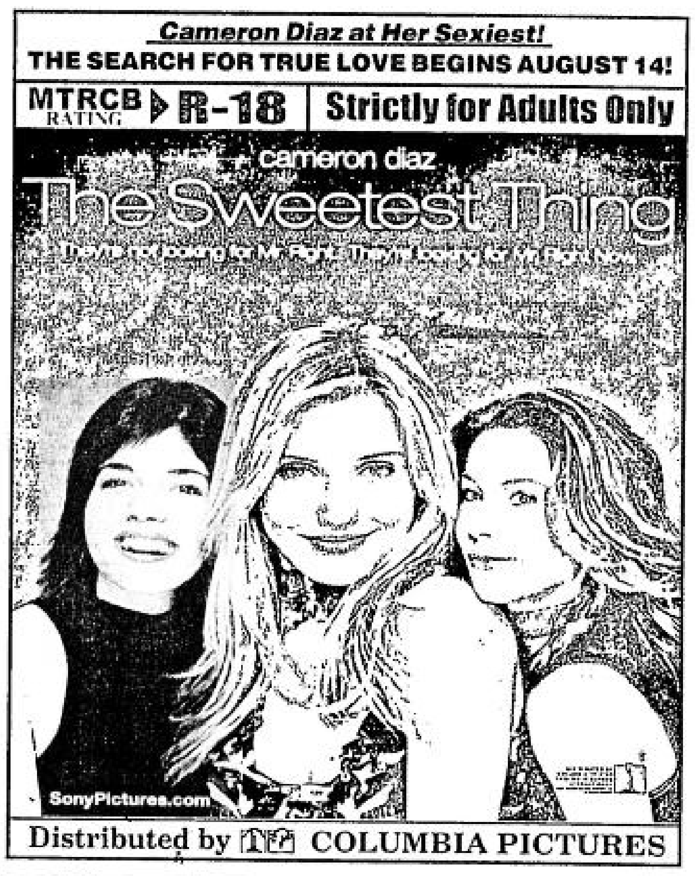
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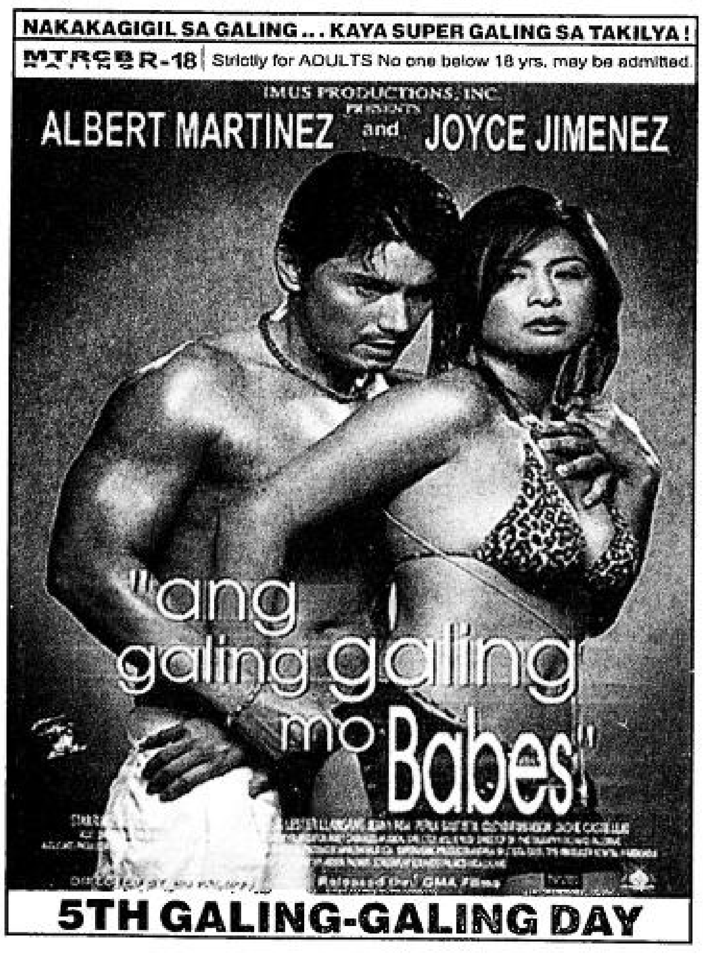
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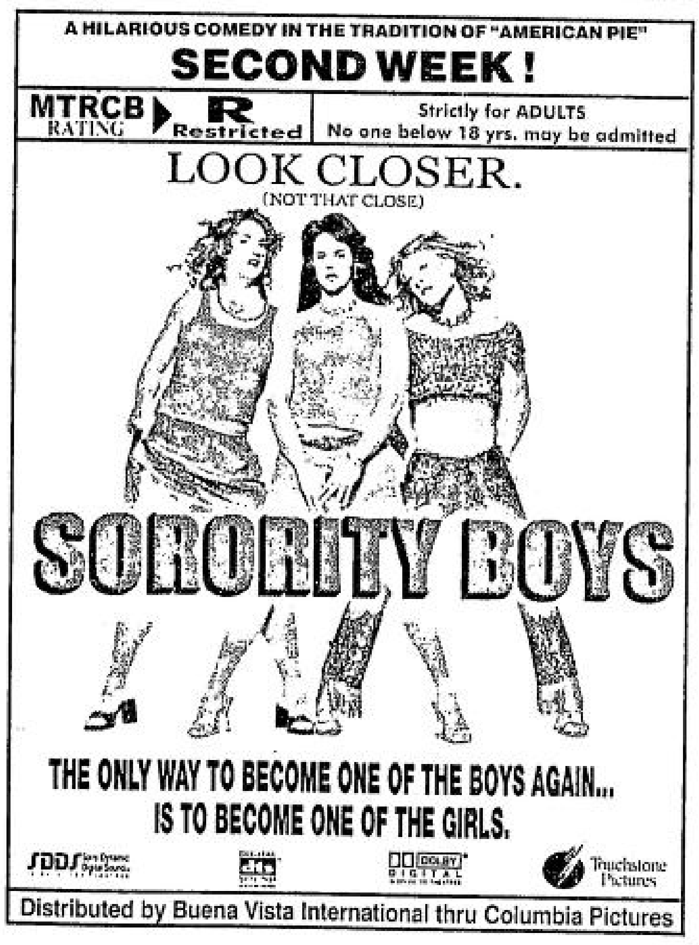
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

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NEW Line Cinema's first installment of "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy: The Fellowship of the Ring," will be available on VCD, DVD and VHS formats starting Aug. 6.

The video release of the box?office film, which grossed over $800 million and has amassed a huge cult following all over the globe, is indeed a much-awaited event by many.

This excitement is a testimony to the very successful theater release of the film and its strong and powerful tale of good versus evil.

Based on the 1954 novel of legendary J.R.R. Tolkien, "The Lord of the Rings, The Fellowship of The Ring" unfolds a time before history, in a place called Middle Earth, when a dark and powerful lord has brought together the forces of evil to destroy its cultures and enslave all life caught in his path.

In this part of the trilogy, a shy young hobbit named Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) inherits a ring. But the ring is no mere trinket. It is an instrument of absolute power that would allow Sauron, the dark Lord of Mordor, to rule Middle?Earth and enslave its peoples.

Frodo, with a loyal fellowship of hobbits, men, a wizard, a dwarf and an elf, must take the ring across Middle Earth to the Crack of Doom, where it first was forged, and destroy it forever.

Such a journey means venturing deep into territory held by the Dark Lord, where he is amassing his army of orcs. And it is not only external evils that the Fellowship must combat, but also internal dissension and the corrupting influence of the Ring itself.

Directed by Peter Jackson, the trilogy represents an unprecedented undertaking—three films made simultaneously over a year and a half production. The devoted production team filmed all over the spectacular landscapes of New Zealand.

IAN McKellen as Gandalf

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Aside from celebrity storytelling, Enchanted Kingdom guests can look forward to the ongoing treats at the theme park. There is the special limited edition, ride-all-you-can admission ticket promo offer at only P250 (instead of the regular P400).

Interested parties must purchase the tickets at the Enchanted Kingdom's Front Gate Ticket Booth on Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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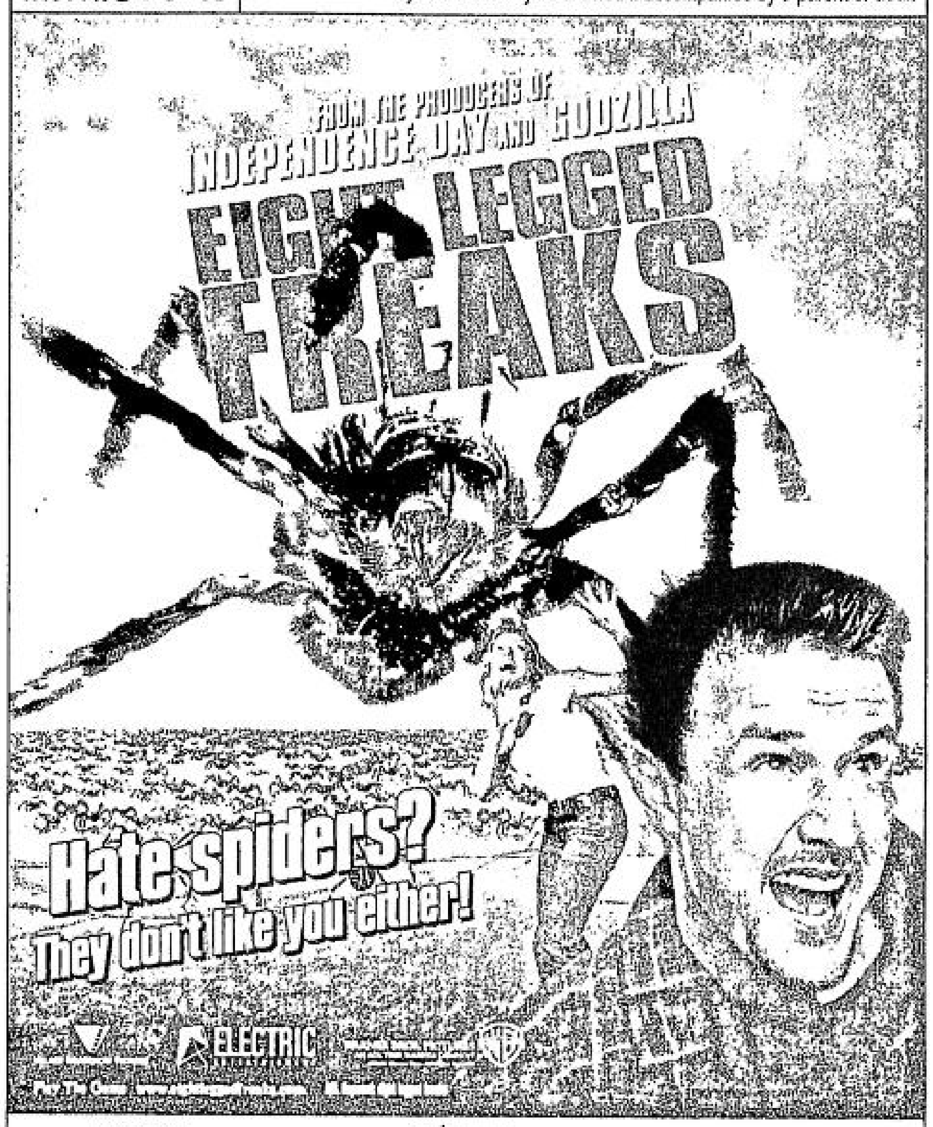

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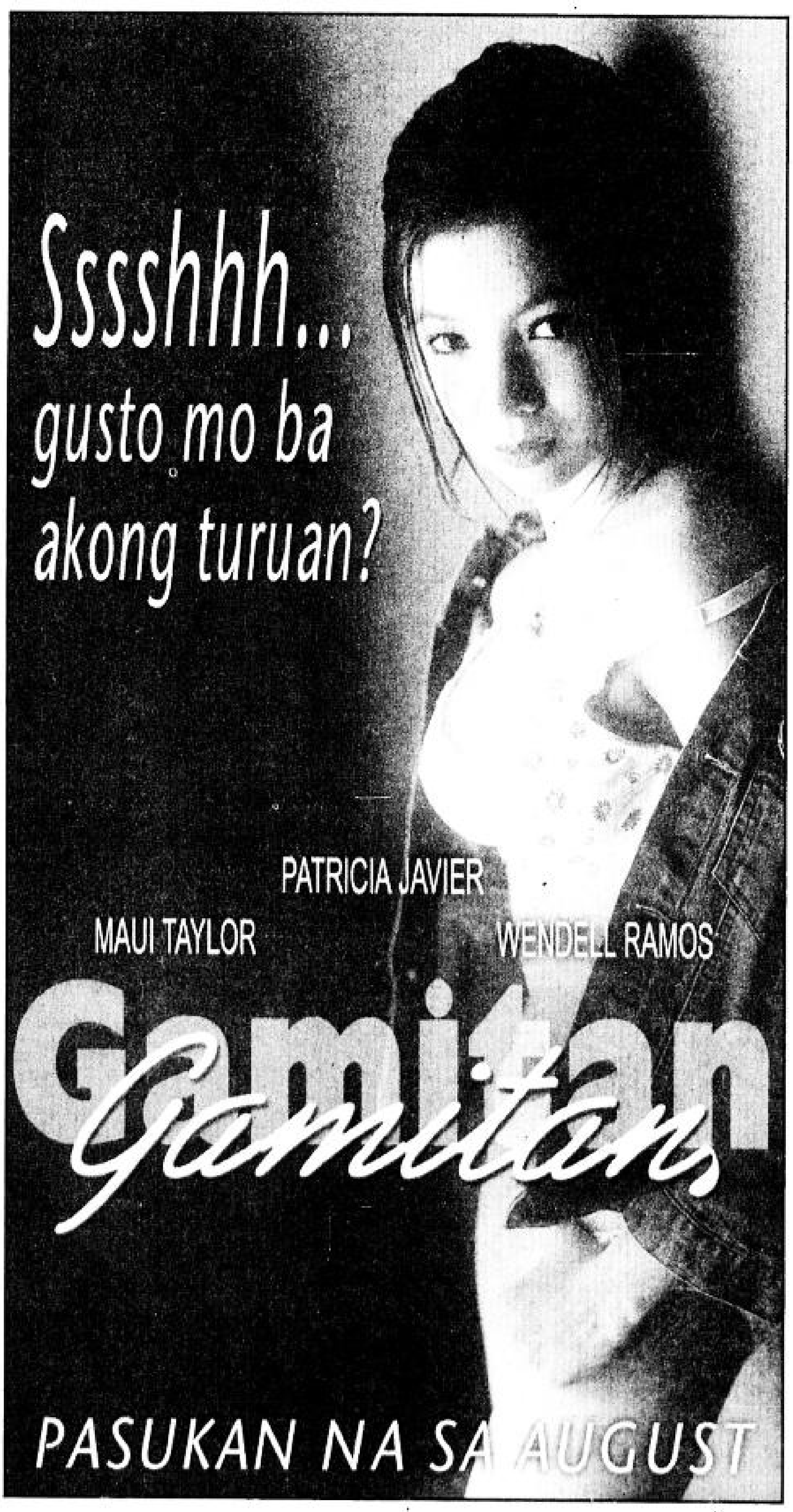

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From campus waiter to one of RP's top mining engineers

Salutatorian, St. Mary's School, Sagada, 1958

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

HARD work is second nature to the Kankanaey of Mt. Province, and Rufino Bomasang, president of PNOC Exploration Corp., was no different from the other members of the peace-loving tribe.

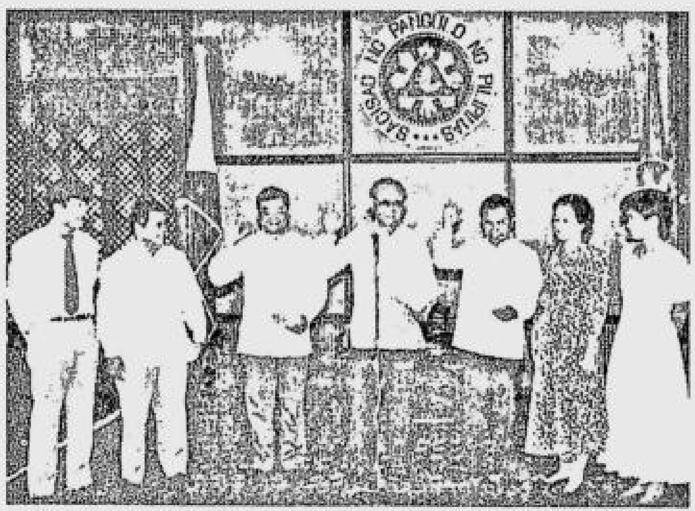
From the time he was 5 years old, he stayed in the dap-ay where all the unmarried members of the tribe lived and did his duties for the good of the community. He kept the fire burning to warm the tribe in cool Besao, Mt. Province, collected firewood and followed orders set by the tribe's council of elders which could include scratching their feet.

This form of tribal discipline honed in an atmosphere similar to a military camp served Bomasang well when he eventually moved to Manila in 1958 to pursue his degree in mining engineering from the University of the Philippines.

Bomasang moved from the hinterlands of the Mt. Province to bustling Metro Manila because he won a scholarship given by the Commission on National Integration, a government body created to integrate cultural minorities into mainstream society.

As a scholar he was able to study for free and received a stipend of P70 a month. The stipend was barely enough to pay for his dormitory expenses, so he augmented his meager funds by working as a waiter at the cafeteria of the Sampaguita ladies dormitory in the campus.

"They paid me in the form of meal tickets that I could use in any canteen in UP. One hour's work earned me one meal ticket," Bomasang tells SundayBiz.



BOMASANG taking his oath as undersecretary of the energy department before former President Fidel V. Ramos

The tribal discipline of the Kankanaey served Bomasang well in his career.

FIRST JOB

During summers he worked as an ordinary miner in the mine operated by Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp. near his hometown.

It was a backbreaking and dangerous work where he hauled stones, helped carry dynamite and then light them as part of the mining operations. He had to do it, he says, because he badly needed the money to put himself through school.

His father, who worked the farm, and mother, with four daughters to take care of, could not afford to pay for his education.

Far from being discouraged by his circumstances, he used it to drive himself to excel, knowing that education would take him and his family out of poverty. And excel he did.

Bomasang graduated at the top of his class and that earned him an invitation from top company Procter & Gamble to work there as a management trainee. He ended up getting one of the three available slots out of over 1,000 who applied.

"I guess one of my advantages was that I was not taking it seriously. If they get me, fine. If not then I will go back to the mines. Luckily, I got one of the three available slots," he says.

Bomasang was paid P375 a month when he worked for P&G in 1963, which was a lot of money at that time considering that he lived on just a little over P70 just a few months before.

He was put to work in the oil mill of P&G and in less than a year he was promoted to shift engineer earning P410 a month. He was in charge of the manufacturing process that extracted coconut oil from copra or dried coconut mean, which was then used to manufacture soap.

TODAY Bomasang about to celebrate 26 years in the energy sector.

"I really liked the job with P&G. It was there that I learned management philosophies that I carry until now. The first was that there was always a better way to do things and the second was people orientation," he says.

Bomasang explains that P&G taught him that all processes, no matter how good they are, could still be improved. He also learned there that getting the cooperation of people is the main job of a manager.

"You may be the best engineer, but if you cannot get the cooperation of the people then it will not work," he says.

Much as he liked the job, however, he left P&G after a year when his old professor in UP gently persuaded him to go back to the mining profession, especially after topping the board exams for mining engineers in 1964 with an average of 85.79 percent, the highest since 1953.

"My professor told me that the mining engi-

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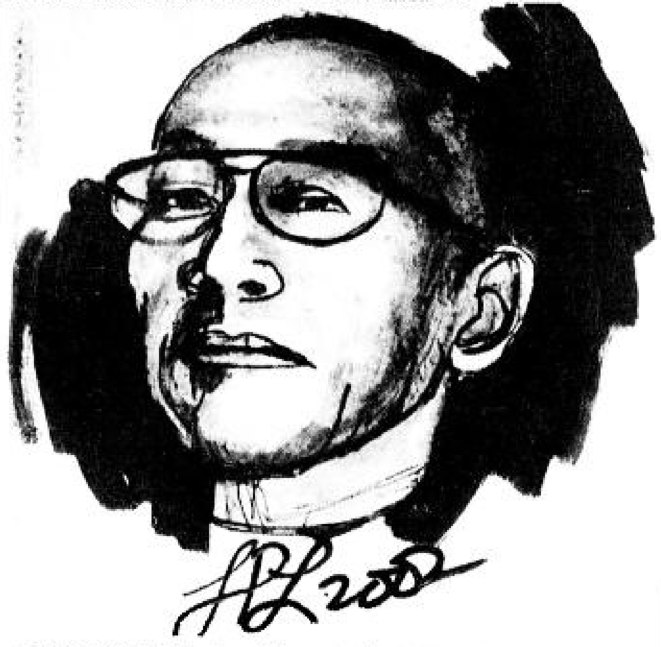

THE POSITION of president of the Philippine Stock Exchange is a vulnerable one. He must be able to push reforms to professionalize the exchange, but at the same time cater to the myriad interests of the more than a hundred brokerage houses that make up the PSE. Almost all of the previous presidents of the PSE left amid controversy and it seems that current president Ernest Leung is not immune. Will he stay or will he go soon?

The will of a general, the tact of a diplomat

"The Leadership Secrets of Colin Powell"
By Oren Harari
McGraw-Hill, 2002

By Dante M. Velasco
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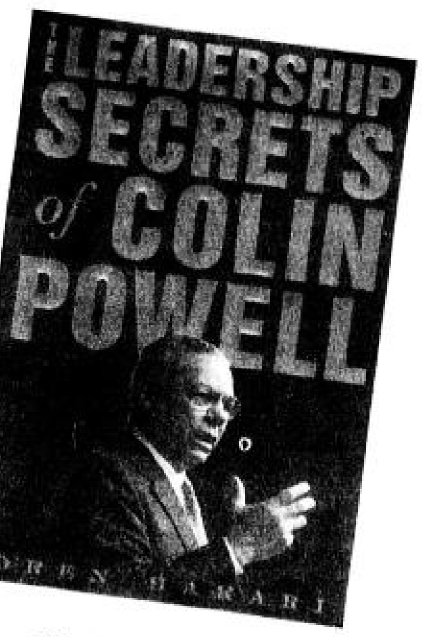

THE PROFESSIONS have their own stereotypes—fair or unfair. Doctors "act" like God over life and health of their patients. Lawyers "lie" for their clients. Generals motivate their men with tongue-lashing. Diplomats are a paragon of tact and, yes, diplomacy.

So when generals become Presidents and "chew" their men and cigar—or both—we forgive them for a hard-to-break habit. On the other hand, when ambassadors lose their cool, we don't forgive them—because that's "out of character."

Is a "tactful general," therefore, a contradiction in terms, a paradox?

Consider the world's current interest—one trained in soldiery, but who can shame the finest smooth-talking diplomat: Colin Powell, American Secretary of State.

What makes this charismatic African-American tick, one considered by two US Presidents to be a "presidential timber"? Has he become a sensation simply because he is a blend of contradictory qualities?

The book, "The Leadership Secrets of Colin Powell," zeroes in on the qualities of this man who again took center stage right after the Sept. 11 tragedy that "forever changed Americans' view of themselves." The author, Oren Harari, is quick to say that this is not a biography but a "battle-tested leadership book."

True enough, we are introduced to the paradoxes of leadership, a phenomenon that continues to drive scholars to enumerate in tidy terms what a leader should be—especially in the 21st century. But human qualities cannot actually be placed in neat formulas.

That's true—even truer—for Powell. With Jamaican parentage, schooled in America, and navigating the corridors of power, Powell is a living paradox. The book, with its three sections, calls Powell a "provocateur" in one breath, and then cites him for his "strategy and execution" than next. Of course, the juxtaposition is not contradictory; just intriguing.

Behind the cool façade, for example, is a gadfly. Powell does not retreat from ruffling other people's feelings, if it's unavoidable. "Colin Powell is perfectly prepared to make people angry, even really angry, in pursuit of organizational excellence," Harari reveals.

Still on this startling subject, the book reveals more about Powell: "Making people mad was part of being a leader." What! Powell continues: "As I had learned long ago . . . an individual's hurt feelings run a distant second to the good of the service. Trying not to offend anyone . . . will set you on the road to mediocrity." That explains Powell, the tough leader.

"Good leaders don't evade or cover up anger; they lead it," annotates the author. "Powell will tell you that when leaders press for new directions, new behaviors, and new performance expectations, peoples' comfort zones will be invaded, and they'll get angry. *And that's precisely what's supposed to happen.*"

As a leader you can be forceful but not blunt. The book tells of an anecdote when, looking out the window from an aircraft, Powell thought he noticed an unfamiliar terrain below. No, said the pilot, he knew exactly where they were.

Powell immediately challenged him. In polite and forceful language, he ordered the pilot to turn the plane around and get them out of there. As it turned out, the plane had been flying over enemy territory!

Powell was instrumental in building a global coalition to support the inexorable move of the US to bomb Afghanistan. He pursued his strategy over the objections of the "hawks" in the White House. Surely, he turned on his charm and he used his diplomatic skills to the hilt.

It doesn't mean, however, that he vacillates. The book has ample stories to paint a decisive no-nonsense leader of Powell. One story is Powell's urgent call to the headman of Pakistan who was initially ambivalent about whether to back the United States or to be neutral. That was within 48 hours of the Sept. 11 attacks. Powell's message was terse: "General, you have got to make a choice."

He always wants to get to the bottom of things. He once told his people: "This particular emperor expects to be told when he is naked." (A story was told that an Emperor had no clothes, but no one was brave enough to tell him—until a child came along—to reveal such "naked truth.") On another occasion, Powell said: "Untidy truth is better than smooth lies that unravel in the end anyway." Many executives can identify with Powell's "must" that even "bad news" is welcome. He has no use for fiction.

A three-word statement captures the crucial role of a leader like Powell. He said once: "Command is lonely."

The author, equally eloquent, says that leaders do go through their "midnight moment of loneliness—that long moment of self-doubt, second-guessing and deep anxiety that is reserved for leaders" on the brink of a crucial decision. Dear readers: You don't have to be the Philippine foreign secretary to able to be up close and personal with Colin Powell. This book is the next best thing—if not better. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

Be a balloon artist and entrepreneur

BALLOON art is fast gaining acceptance worldwide as a legitimate form and more and more talented artists of various styles are finding it a good medium for their creativity and self-expression.

And as a business venture, balloon art is even better.

No one can be more enthusiastic about balloon art than Frany Fulgar, the country's first-ever Certified Balloon Artist.

"Balloon art has unlimited potentials," she says. "It is new and exciting and a joy and delight to watch as only balloons can bring," she adds.

Fulgar, who is business development officer of Filstar Distributors Corp., distributor of Qualatex Balloons in the Philippines, earned her certification after required coursesand workshops held yearly in the United States by the International Balloon Arts Convention.

(For more information on balloon art and business, please call 6710555 or 6711442 and look for Jojie Ferrer.)

Poverty drives . . .

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Cuniit also considered 1988 as a turning point in his life. A staff of a Manila-based exporter visited his shop and asked if he could carve wooden angels. Cuniit executed the design the exporter wanted and submitted samples in three days.

The company, satisfied with the workmanship, initially placed an order of 150 pieces.

"The angel-designed carvings became my primary source of income," he said in Ilocano. "For many years, orders in big quantities kept coming."

With his earnings, Cuniit bought a house and lot in Saytan, hired more workers and leased another piece of land for a bigger production area.

Furniture

In 1997, he decided to go into the reproduction of antique furniture. He made this decision after he visited a neighboring shop selling antique furniture. Seeing the display, he felt he could produce them better with his skill and unique ethnic design.

His startup capital was P900,000. Customers were mostly walk-in clients who personally inspect the models. With the huge pieces he was producing, Cuniit leased a lot along the national highway here and built his showroom.

It was in this showroom that Cuniit's distinct craftsmanship was discovered. His ethnic designs attracted buyers. As his products became popular, he hired more workers from La Union and Pangasinan and from his home province of Ifugao.

Cuniit now has a secretary to handle the paper work, arrange delivery schedules and attend to buyers' inquiries.

Trade fairs

Cuniit, the poor orphan from Ifugao, eventually joined trade fairs in Metro Manila to showcase his products. He joined the Philippine International Furniture Show (PIFS) and even featured his products at the World Trade Center in New York.

For the past two years, he has been displaying his wares in the PIFS and has caught the attention of buyers from Saudi Arabia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States. Some have become his regular customers.

Last summer, he received P1 million worth of orders for furniture from a Japanese businessman who was attracted by the ethnic design, where he never uses nails. The products, which included layered bookshelves, were shipped to Japan in three container vans.

Cuniit's wooden furniture is reasonably priced and competitive. His garden benches (some with wheel design and some made of tree stumps) cost P3,500 each; television stand with rolling tray, P3,500; and corner stand, P2,500.

All of these are made from molave like his six-piece Taiwan sala set (P25,000); lovers' swing (P18,000); and mirror stand (P8,500).

His most expensive furniture set is a bar counter with three stools, all made from molave, at P40,000.

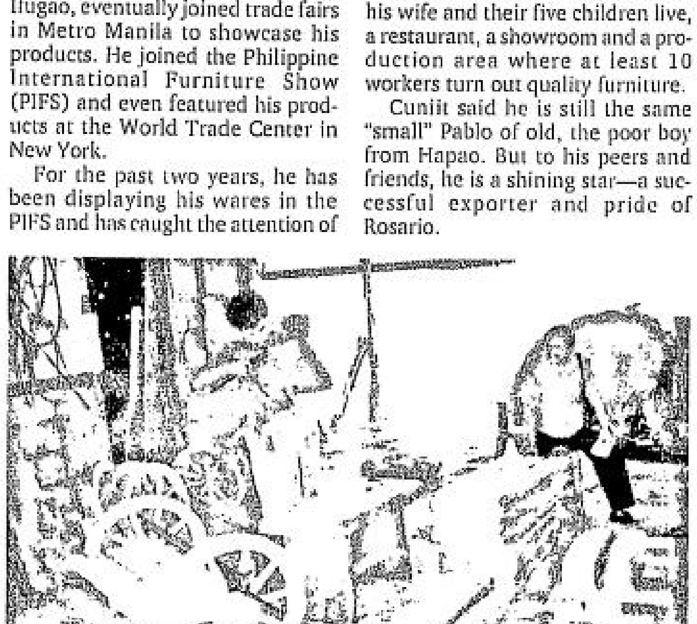
He has a "product line" of at least 20 various items and designs, all of which are made from molave, mahogany or camachile. He gets his materials mostly from Cagayan Valley and Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija.

Cuniit is the president of the Rosario Antique Furniture and Handicraft Producers Association, which has been managing a fund obtained from the Department of Trade and Industry. Cuniit said 11 members have availed themselves of the fund for the expansion of their businesses.

He said he dreams of putting up a common showroom to display the products of members of the association. He also plans to build a small village where buyers can transact business with all producers in the area.

Cuniit has gone a long way. He has a modest home where he and his wife and their five children live, a restaurant, a showroom and a production area where at least 10 workers turn out quality furniture.

Cuniit said he is still the same "small" Pablo of old, the poor boy from Hapao. But to his peers and friends, he is a shining star—a successful exporter and pride of Rosario.



CUNIIT'S production area

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ONE of his mentors, Wenceslao R. dela Paz (fifth from right).

BOMASANG's father wearing a necklace made of boar's teeth.

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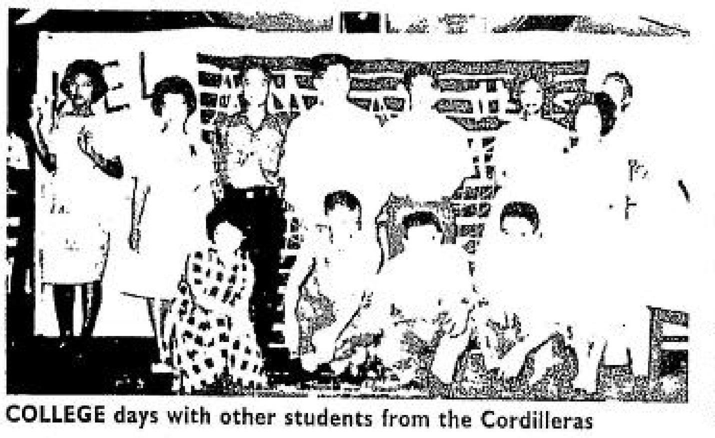

COLLEGE days with other students from the Cordilleras

neering students were asking why the top graduate of UP was not in the mining profession. Did it mean that the profession was not good? So he convinced me to go back to mining because I was setting a bad example to the undergraduates," he says.

Bomasang hesitated because he was already earning good money in P & G, he liked the job, and the prospects in the mining industry were not good. Filipinos, he says, were not treated equally even if they were qualified engineers.

Only Americans got the top positions, thus, he thought there was no future for him.

His professor, however, informed him that there was a small mining company that was localizing its operations and was willing to hire a Filipino to be the mill superintendent. Bomasang was recommended for the position.

"It was a big thing at that time for a Filipino to be a mining superintendent. I took the offer. I was confident because I already had experience in management with P & G. I think that if I did not work for them I would not have gotten the position," Bomasang says.

So with a higher salary of P450 a month and a superintendent's position at just 24, Bomasang moved from his comfortable office in P&G, Tondo to Palawan where Palawan Quicksilver Mining Corp. had a mercury mining operation.

"After a week there I asked myself why I accepted the position. It was a very isolated place infested by malaria. But then I was able to adjust," he says.

But just as he was just starting to really like his job, the allure of underground copper and gold mining beckoned so he moved back to the Cordilleras as head of planning for Itogon-Suyoc Mining Corp.

From there he moved to American firm Frontino Inc. which managed the old Black Mountain and Benguet Exploration mines, the remnants of which can still be seen today on the way up to Baguio using Kennon Road.

Then in 1975, he became resident manager of a barite mining operation in Mindoro. The barite was mainly used to prevent gas blowouts in oil exploration projects, which were numerous at that time. Local oil exploration was at its height at that time with discoveries as Nido and Matinloc. As fate would have it, PNOC was a big client and it was through one of the visits of PNOC top people to Mindoro that Bomasang met the former Energy secretary Geronimo Velasco and former Presidential Adviser on Energy Affairs Wenceslao de la Paz.

Bomasang impressed them so much that he was asked to join the government to help accelerate the development of local coal as an energy source.

"The attraction for me then was that I could be with my family. Before that, I stayed in Mindoro while my family stayed in Baguio. I was already 36 at that time and I thought it was time to spend more time with my wife and two daughters," he explains.

The day he joined Petrophil (now Petron) was Aug. 16, 1976 and now he is about to celebrate his 26th year in the public energy sector, fulfilled with the knowledge that he helped develop many of the country's energy development programs, particularly coal and indigenous oil and natural gas.

Bomasang says he was fortunate to have many mentors along the way who helped him become who he is today. First were the Episcopalian missionaries who taught in his high school alma mater in Sagada.

"They were a very good influence because they were the best teachers. St. Mary's School also used to be one of the best," he says.

College life in UP was also helpful even if he did experience a culture shock when he realized that the term Igorot was a derogatory term in the lowlands, when it just meant "from the mountains" in Mt. Province.

"UP enables one to be not just an engineer but to also be a manager. It was more than just a technical schools," he says.

In government service he says he learned a lot from the late Pat de la Paz, whom he refers to as "the best Energy secretary the country never had."

"He taught me all about being fair and about doing things for the good of the country. It also agreed with what I learned in P & G," he says.

He shares these lessons with his staff wherever he goes, from P & G to the mining firms, to the DoE where he once served as undersecretary and now as president of PNOC-EC.

"I have always believed that there is something good in everybody, it is up to us to let that good come out. If we did that then we would be better off," he adds.

BOMASANG with his sisters he helped put through school

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Relationship banking helps furniture maker slug it out in global market

By Myrna Rodriguez-Co
Contributor

KAIZEN—the philosophy of continuing improvement through people involvement/empowerment—has done wonders for the furniture firm.

THE MENDCO/Mastercraft showroom

CEBU City—Globalization is a two-edged sword. It is boundless opportunity for those ready to compete in the open markets; disaster for those caught flatfooted.

Eric Ng-Mendoza, president of Mendco Development Corp. and Mastercraft Philippines Inc., worries about how the local furniture sector, to which his companies belong, will fare in the new economic order. Furniture-making is a very competitive field, extremely quality oriented, and price-sensitive. "If you don't do your homework, you are bound to lose your competitive edge when you play in the open markets."

Mendoza should not be too worried for himself. He has parlayed Mendco-Mastercraft into the leading manufacturer of metal furniture in the country. His products are exclusively for export and are sold in the bigger furniture stores in the United States.

Yet, he refuses to be complacent.

"I am not quite ready yet for globalization," he says modestly. He is not through making financial and operational adjustments. All Mendco and Mastercraft plants have to be fine tuned to be global, he adds. He has three in all in Mandaue City: one in Tabok (the site of metalworking operations); another in Canduman (woodworks); a third in Opao (stonecraft).

Before the year ends, he wants to begin setting up two new factories—one to supply the furniture plants' needs in hardware and accessories; and another production site dedicated to the domestic market.

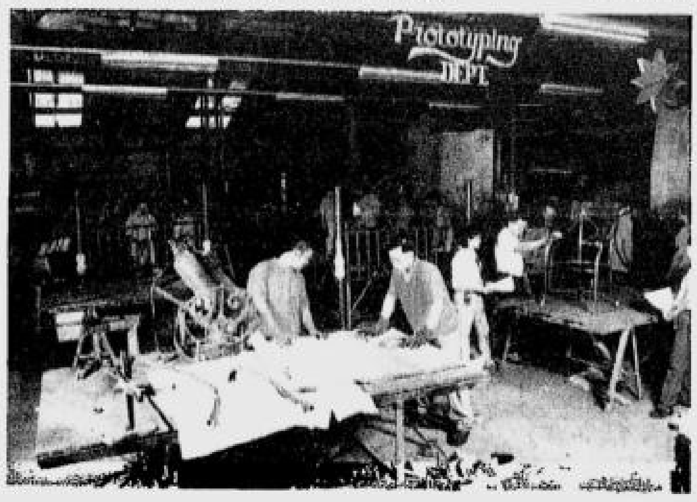
One-product beginning

In the beginning, there was only Mendco. Set up by Mendoza's father in 1987, it was conceptualized as a one-product company. Early on, it became well entrenched in its market niche. Its exquisite fossil-stone inlaid furniture was being shipped to upscale markets in Europe and the United States.

When he joined the company in the early 1990s, it could have been easy for Eric—the youngest in a brood of six—to just carry on what the senior Mendoza, and later his older brothers and sister, have begun. But freshly back from two years in America, where he took graduate studies in business administration, the young man had other ideas.

Diversification was the way the young Mendoza resolved to go. His travels taught him there was room in the market for many other kinds of furniture: metal, wooden, fiberglass, leather, including local materials like rattan splits, coco twigs and coco husks.

WORLD-CLASS Filipino craftsmanship goes into Mendco/Mastercraft products.



Diversification

It was metal most of all that caught Eric's imagination. Time was when wrought iron furniture strictly belonged outdoors—in the gardens and patios. The well-traveled Eric found that on the contrary, metal tables and chairs looked good indoors as well. Thoughtfully designed and artfully combined with other materials, they made interiors shine, he thought.

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

In 1997, Eric was ready and Mastercraft Philippines was born.

From fossil-stone inlaid to metal furniture meant a completely different production setup. "I had to put up a brand-new plant." This required new premises, new technology, new equipment, new materials, new skills.

Metalworking equipment are precision machines. Eric had to source the facilities mostly from Italy, some from Germany. The technology package, consisting of precision forming machines, cutting equipment, speed-enhancing equipment and computerized kiln dryer came with a metalworking expert. The expert installed the machines and stayed a few months—long enough to oversee and troubleshoot the first production runs.

Before the expert left the country, he suggested that Eric take in an experienced metal-working artisan. He gave Eric the name of one of the best metal craftsmen in Italy. Eric sent for the man who came that year. The Italian has since been working for Mastercraft and has been instrumental to the high level of craftsmanship that its workers are capable of.

Mastercraft's dynamic ways

Today, Mendco and Mastercraft have gained pre-eminence in the production of furniture and accessories of wrought iron, fossil stone, fibercast stone and leather. The combined product line includes coffee tables, day beds, chaise lounges, center tables, garden sets, plant stands, pedestals and bistro chairs. Almost 90 percent of production is shipped to the United States.

Eric shares that one of the strategies that have worked in the pursuit of the companies' growth and modernization objectives is forging good relationships with suppliers. This involves helping them improve their own quality and productivity.

He recounts how his bank, Equitable PCI Bank and a national financing institution, the Development Bank of the Philippines helped translate Mastercraft, the vision, into Mastercraft, the reality.

When he was scrounging around for resources to invest into the proposed factory, the bank matched his needs with the credit programs they had. This led to a sizable loan from an ODA program being retailed by Equitable-PCI. This was the DBP's Industrial and Support Services Expansion Program (Issep). Issep, with its long-term financing, option to fix or float interest rates, and other liberal features, was targeting dynamic enterprises ready for expansion and modernization. In Eric's case, he chose to fix his interest rate. "I was lucky we got it pegged at a very good rate"

"Relationship banking" is what he calls his partnership with Equitable-PCI and DBP. To slug it out in the world markets, he constantly needs to improve and grow, and therefore to invest again and again. There is his plan to put up two new factories this year, for example, for which he needs to invest anew. Eric reckons partner banks would be willing to help once more.

Eric shares more of the strategies and management philosophies that worked for him in his efforts to enter and compete in markets abroad:

1. **Build in quality.** Quality must be built into the product design. This implies an understanding of the product and the material, plus a common sense wisdom on aspects like wear and tear.

2. **Put efficiency on top of the operational agenda.** This suggests not only use of advance technology but also upgrading worker productivity and work ethic.

3. **Make your product a tough act to follow.** A lot of elements go into furniture manufacture. Find a niche; build on your competitive edge. In the case of Mendco-Mastercraft, precision manufacturing has become a tough act to follow. So has the intricacy of product design.

4. **Serve needs of customers to their fullest satisfaction.** His operations, according to Eric, experience hardly any rejects, except minor ones like broken welds.

5. **Empower people.** Treat your people well and you will be rewarded manifold. Highly motivated workers will surprise you with what they can do. Eric implements a good salary scheme, which has resulted in low worker turnover. People empowerment also means getting them involved in problem solving, idea generation, and quality improvement. In the three factories, the philosophy of continuous improvement or *kaizen* have been institutionalized.

6. **Look at the competition.** Competition, according to Eric, fuels entrepreneurial energy and innovation.

7. **Develop an Internet presence.** Mendco-Mastercraft has put up its own website, www.mendco.com, which has enabled it to transact business with virtually the whole world.

It may be true that Eric is not yet fully prepared to meet all the challenges and opportunities of the new economic order, but there is little doubt—with all the bold steps he is taking—that he will be soon.

Blending nature with an urban entertainment center

By Anne Luisa E. Villarico

THE NEW Greenbelt Mall Lagoon.

GOING out for a stroll, a late night dinner or simply a cup of coffee with a relaxing view in sight can now just be literally a walk in the park in the busy Makati district.

The experience of dining amid the greens can be felt at the new Greenbelt mall. Unlike most malls, the new mall's main attraction is the leisurely atmosphere with its lush 2.8-hectare park that includes 400 trees and several plant varieties.

"Greenbelt offers something that the others do not. What we offer is the blending of the 'softscape' with the experience of an urban entertainment center. Not an enclosed building with some stores outside," says Miriam Katigbak, senior vice president of Ayala Land Inc.

"The park even has sections for orchids, for flowering plants, for flowers with fragrances. We have a water feature that runs the whole length of the park and ends up around the existing chapel. It is much better than the old park," says Katigbak.

Greenbelt 2 focuses on the outdoors as it blends the malling and dining experience with the park. Dining will be an event itself. There are open-air bistros and quaint little cafés offering casual dining clustered in a modern, upbeat setting.

The relaxing ambiance is ideal for yuppies who want to relax along the greenery after a day's work with their colleagues while sipping a cup of coffee.

"It has pathways, you have areas where you can sit down in a shade," says Katigbak.

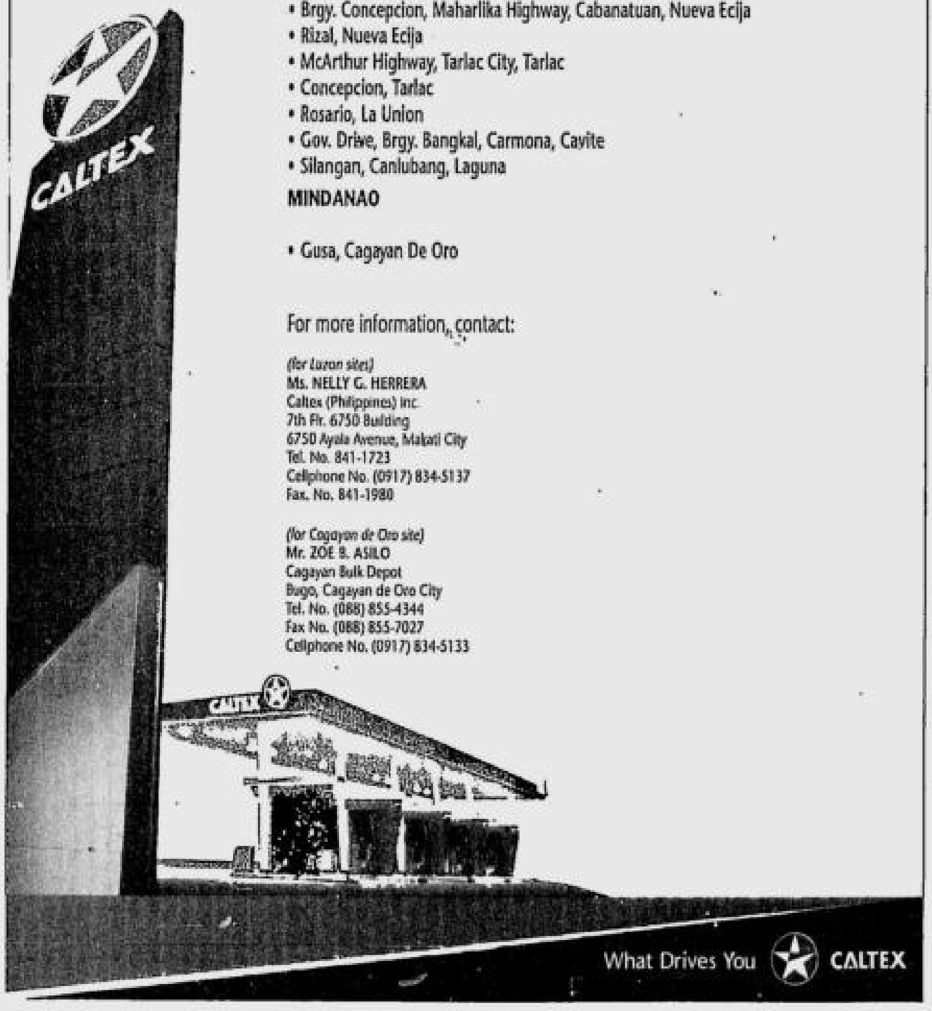
During weekends, you can also see kids frolicking with the fountain, while teens comfortably hang out in the footsteps.

Katigbak cites the difference between Glorietta and Greenbelt. "Glorietta area is what we call comparison shopping area. We give you all the different kinds of store, it is generally a shopping area. Greenbelt is an urban retail entertainment center. The focus here is for food and entertainment," says Katigbak.

Greenbelt 2 has 16 fine-dining restaurants on the ground floor; a row of dining booths on the second level overlooking a mini-courtyard where one can dine al fresco; parking areas at the basement, second and third levels. For ultra-convenience, 28 residential units at the fourth level will be ready for occupancy by the third quarter of this year with exquisite garden in the middle.

Greenbelt malls have also started construction of Greenbelt 4, which will be connected to the Ayala Museum.

The museum that is being renovated will be three times wider than the old one, says Katigbak.



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NOTICE OF TRANSFER TO NEW OFFICE

Effective from August 5, 2002. The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS Manila Office) and AOTS Alumni Society (PHILCULTAROS/PHILFAAAS) will be moving to:

37th Floor, Robinson's Equitable Tower
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Fax No. (02) 687-6115
E-mail: aots@netasia.net

AOTS Alumni Society:
Tel. No. (02) 687-6116
Fax No. (02) 687-6117

(PDI – Aug. 4, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

P/GEN. FREDERIQUE ROMERO (RET.)

The public is hereby informed that a WARRANT OF ARREST has been issued by the Honorable Metropolitan Trial Court, of Quezon City, Branch 41, against P/GEN. FREDERIQUE ROMERO (RET.) whose picture appears above with residence at #3213 Tindalo Street, United Parañaque Subdivision II, Parañaque, Metro Manila, in connection with a Criminal Case No. 0101889-93 for violation of Batas Pambansa Bilang 22. Any person who might know his whereabouts, please contact

ROSALES & CARLOS LAW OFFICE
Rm. 503 Downtown Center Building
516-Q Paredes Street, Binondo, Manila
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(PDI – Aug. 4, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ZENAIDA F. PERALTA

This is to inform the public that MS. ZENAIDA F. PERALTA, whose picture appears above is no longer connected with UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION (COCOLIFE), effective February 11, 2002. Any transaction or representation made or which she may, hereafter undertake in behalf of COCOLIFE is not valid and will not be honored by the company.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Re: TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER against i-WEB CORPORATION

The public is hereby informed that the Bureau of Legal Affairs of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against I-WEB CORPORATION in Intellectual Property Violation Case No. 10-2001-00012 entitled "GOTCHA Incorporated vs. I-WEB Corporation", or any of its officers, employees, representatives, assigns or anyone acting on its behalf to refrain and desist from using the trademark "GOTCHA" or any variations thereof, in connection with the sale and distribution of good and services, including but not limited to pre-paid internet cards. By this TRO, the sale and distribution of GOTCHA Internet Pre-Paid Cards is currently prohibited and the prohibition is effective until August 12, 2002.

Under the law, any violation of the TRO constitutes Indirect Contempt and shall be subject to fine or imprisonment, or both.

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By: Counsel, FEDERIS & ASSOCIATES Law Offices

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4. Based in areas being applied for
5. Existing distribution operation with other principals

Interested parties may cut and send the form below together with the following:

1. Company and management team profiles
2. Financial documents
3. Business permits
4. Distribution experience

(CUT HERE)

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We hope to hear from you soon.

Thank You.

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(Signature over Printed Name)
Sub-Distributor Applicant

Republic of the Philippines
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to prequalify and bid for the selection of proponents for the short- or long-term lease of the

Univesity of the Philippines
Property at Barrio Cupang, Muntinlupa City

The University of the Philippines invites proponents to bid for the lease of its property, consisting of three (3) contiguous parcels of land with a total area of approximately 38,943 sq.m., located at No. 5 Kilometer 20, East Service Road, South Luzon Expressway, Bo. Cupang, Muntinlupa City.

The said property is suitable for commercial/industrial development because of its strategic location. Inasmuch as the site is not a part of the academic or academic support zone of any campus of the University of the Philippines System, and thus is not suitable for academic use, there are no restrictions in continuing the utilization of the property for commercial and/or industrial purposes.

Prequalification forms and Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the UP System Prequalification Bids and Awards Committee (UPS-PBAC) Secretariat, Office of the Vice-President for Development, Basement, Quezon Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from **August 12 to 16, 2002.** Deadline of submission of duly accomplished prequalification documents will be on **August 30, 2002.** After the evaluation of the documents submitted, the prequalified developers shall be duly notified of the schedule of subsequent activities. For inquiries, please call Tel. No. **920-5301** to **99** loc. **4202;** or Tel/Fax No. **928-2665** (c/o Mr. Antonio J. Bejasa); E-mail: edmundo.camello@up.edu.ph.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ**
Vice-President for Development

(PDI - Aug. 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

MAKE A CAREER CHOICE ONLINE.

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 2002-1
MARCH 11, 2002

TO : Chairpersons and Members of the Various Professional Regulatory Boards of the Professional Regulation Commission, and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Guidelines and Procedures for the Grant of Compensation to Chairpersons and Members of Various Professional Regulatory Boards of the Professional Regulation Commission

1.0 PURPOSE

This Circular is being issued to prescribe guidelines for the implementation of the provisions of Section 10 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8981, "The PRC Modernization Act of 2000", relative to the compensation of members of various Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs), as implemented by Section 2 of Rule III of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the said Act issued jointly by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Philippine Association of Board Examiners (PABE) and the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations (PFPA).

2.0 NATURE AND AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION

2.1 Each Chairperson or Member of the PRBs shall be granted compensation in the form of honoraria, at rates stated hereunder:

	Maximum Rate of Honoraria Per Month
a. Chairperson	Equivalent to basic salary per month of the Third (3rd) Step of Salary Grade 28
b. Member	Equivalent to the basic salary per month of the First (1st) Step of Salary Grade 28

2.2 The Chairpersons and Members of various PRBs are not entitled to other allowances/benefits, including retirement or separation benefits which under existing laws are granted only to salaried officials and employees appointed to regular plantilla positions and whose appointments are in the nature of a regular official/employee of the National Government

3.0 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

3.1 The honoraria shall be paid on a monthly basis, and shall be subject to the usual income tax withholding under existing laws.

3.2 The rate of honoraria shall be increased/adjusted when an increase/adjustment in the monetary value corresponding to each of the Salary Grades/Steps of the existing Salary Schedule shall have been authorized.

3.3 The Chairpersons and Members of various PRBs may be allowed full payment of claims for reimbursement of traveling and related expenses incurred in the course of official travel outside of their permanent official station, provided that such are authorized/certified by the PRC, and duly supported by receipts. Said expenses shall be chargeable against the allotment for traveling expenses of the PRC, subject to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 248 and 248-A, both series of 1995. For this purpose, the PRC Manila Office shall be considered the permanent official station of all PRB Members.

3.4 For purposes of this Circular, any Chairperson and/or Member of the PRB who at the same time is employed on a full time basis in any branch of the Government of the Philippines shall, subject to the concurrence of his mother office, be considered on special assignment to the Board concerned. As such:

a. he is entitled to, and will be paid by the PRC, only the difference between the honoraria herein prescribed and his actual basic salary in his mother office, in case the honoraria is higher than his actual basic salary;

b. he will continue to be paid by his mother office all allowances and benefits he is entitled to under existing laws as regular official and/or employee of the National Government, and

c. he will continue to earn leave credits in his mother office.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAIR/MEMBERS OF PRBs

The Chairpersons and Members of PRBs shall submit to the PRC their respective annual work program with a clear and definite statement as to how they are going to undertake their mandated functions and responsibilities under RA No. 8981. They shall likewise submit a report of accomplishment on a quarterly basis.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HEAD OF THE PRC AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

The Chairperson of the PRC and all other officials/employees concerned shall be jointly and severally held responsible and liable for the grant of any honoraria and/or other forms of compensation not in accordance with the provision of this Circular, without prejudice, however, to the refund of any excess payment received by the PRB Chairperson and/or Member concerned.

6.0 FUNDING SOURCE

The budgetary requirements for FY 2002 shall be charged against the P17,584,000.00 approved appropriation of the PRC for the purpose under RA No. 9162, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2002. Thereafter, funding requirements for the purpose shall be proposed to Congress for funding in the annual GAA, subject to the availability of funds.

7.0 RESOLUTION OF ISSUES

Issues and conflicts arising from the implementation of this Circular, and cases not covered by the provisions herein shall be resolved jointly by the PRC and DBM.

8.0 RECALL OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS/AUTHORIZATIONS

All previous approval and authority granted by the PRC and the DBM and all other administrative authorizations which are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby recalled and shall no longer be valid, and payment pursuant thereon shall not be allowed. Likewise, this Circular shall supersede all existing policies on the grant of compensation to Chairpersons and Members of PRBs.

9.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect on January 1, 2002. However, its implementation shall be made on a staggered basis subject to the availability of funds. The initial implementation, which may be made effective January 1, 2002, shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. the grant shall be at a rate where the total amount that will be required for FY 2002 shall not exceed the P17,584,000.00 authorized appropriation for the purpose under RA No. 9162;

b. any form of compensation received from January 1, 2002 up to the date of actual implementation of this Circular shall accordingly be adjusted; and

c. no additional funding support/releases shall be required from the National Government as a consequence thereof.

(Sgd.) **EMILIA T. BONCODIN**
Secretary
Department of Budget
and Management

(Sgd.) **ANTONIETA FORTUNA-IBE**
Chairperson
Professional Regulation
Commission

(PDI - Aug. 4, 2002)

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
Responding Through Responsible Gaming

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB No. 05-16-2002

In lieu of our publications dated May 25 & 27, 2002 at Philippine Daily Inquirer and Today, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all authorized dealers or distributors of firearms in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Project	: Supply & Delivery 124 Units Glock 17 Pistols
Approved Budget	: Five Million Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Pesos (P5,456,000.00)

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR may be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Division (SRED), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **July 31, 2002 to August 23, 2002** at the BAC Secretariat Unit (BSU), PPD, 2nd Floor, PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila, Tel. No. 523-2296, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)**. In order to secure the documents, interested bidders should primarily submit a **Letter of Intent** to the BSU **not later than 5:00 p.m., August 20, 2002.**

Pre-Bid Conference	: **September 6, 2002** (10:00 a.m.)
Submission of Bids	: **September 23, 2002** (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
Opening of Bids	: **September 23, 2002** (2:00 p.m.)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract for any justifiable reason including among others, if there is evidence of collusion between relevant public officers or employees of the agency or the BAC and any of the bidders, or among the bidders, or between bidders and third parties, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures *(Executive Order 40, Sec. 29)*.

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
Chairperson, BAC-4

(PDI - Aug. 4 & 11, 2002)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
Pambansang Korporasyon Sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-09A

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 03, 2002; 2:00 PM			
A1	10 UNIT	COMBINED OVER-CURRENT & AUTO RECLOSER C.B. FAILURE PROTECTION FOR PHASE AND EARTH	PSMD-N 02-041

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for A1 on **August 19, 2002;** 10:00 a.m. at SLT Bidding Room.

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **July 29, 2002.** No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and initial Technical Proposals of eligibility bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 262 and 40."

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) **R. D. RAMAS**
MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION
TRANSCO SOUTH

(PDI - Aug. 4, 2002)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION
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July 26, 2002

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Invitation to Bid No. LMC 2002-04, Schedule 2

The **NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) REGION 10** is inviting interested Licensed contractors to pre-qualify and to bid for the contract works at Bubunawan River Irrigation Project (Phase II) in Lingating, Baungon, Bukidnon:

Contract : Construction of Main Canal & Appurtenant Structures Sta. 2+520 - 4+178
Approved Budget: P9,952,494.80
Maximum Contract Duration: 210 Calendar days
Minimum Contractor's License: Medium "A"
Minimum Equipment Requirements:
Bill of Quantities:

ITEM OF WORKS	UNIT	QUANTITY
Temporary Works, Mobilization & Demobilization	l.s.	l.s.
Common Structure Excavation	cu.m.	6,053.00
3,000 PSI Concrete	cu.m.	1,114.00
Reinforcing Steel Bars		
a. Furnishing of Materials	kg.	51,874.00
b. Cutting, Bending, & Installation	kg.	51,874.00
Rubber Water Stop	l.m.	83.00
Structure Backfill	Cu.m.	2,159.00
Furnish & Install 30" dia. RC Pipe	pcs.	45.00
Gravel Blanket	Cu.m.	304.00
Road Surfacing	Cu.m.	48,017.00

Interested contracts are advised to observe the following schedules:

Last day of issuance of Eligibility Statement Forms: - August 12, 2002
Last day for submission of accomplished Eligibility Statement: - August 19, 2002
Last day of Issuance of Bid Documents to qualified bidders: - September 02, 2002
Pre-Bid Conference: - September 10, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.
Opening of Bids: - September 26, 2002 - 2:00 p.m.

Only bidders eligible to bid shall be issued Bid Documents upon payment of P3,000.00.

NIA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein and accept submit proposals from the bidders whose bids is considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **JOHNNY V. EMMANUEL, CESO V**
Regional Manager

(PDI - July 27 & Aug. 4, 2002)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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July 26, 2002

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Invitation to Bid No. LMC 2002-04, Schedule 1

The NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) REGION 10 is inviting interested Licensed contractors to pre-qualify and to bid for the contract works at Bubunawan River Irrigation Project (Phase I) in Lingating, Baungon, Bukidnon.

Contract: Construction of Diversion Dam & Closed Conduit 0+000 - 0 + 140
Canal Structures 0+ 140 - 0+ 500
Approved Budget: P 9,999,876.20
Maximum Contract Duration: 270 Calendar days
Minimum Contractor's License : Medium "A"
Bill of Quantities

ITEM OF WORKS	UNIT	QUANTITY
Temporary Facilities, Mobilization & Demobilization	l.s.	l.s.
Diversion & Care of the River	l.s.	l.s.
Clearing & Grubbing	Sq.m.	4,510.00
Structure Excavation		
a. Common Excavation	Cu.m.	13,986.00
b. Rock Excavation	Cu.m.	1,750.00
3,000 PSI Concrete		
a. Diversion Dam & Close Conduit Sta. 0+000-0+140	Cu.m.	315.00
b. Canal Structure 0+140 - 0 + 500	cu.m.	281.00
Rubble Masonry	cu.m.	170.00
Reinforcing Steel Bars		
a. Furnishing of Materials	Kg.	48,017.00
b. Cutting, Bending & Installation	Kg.	48,017.00
Structure Backfill	cu.m.	6,168.00
Boulder Riprap	cu.m.	500.00
Gravel Blanket	cu.m.	117.00
Filter Drain	cu.m.	40.00
Miscellaneous Metal Works		
a. G.I. Pipe Railings	l.m.	55.00
b. Trash Rack	kg.	950.00
Steel Gate		
a. 0.90 m x 0.90 m	assy.	2.00
b. 1.00 m x 1.00 m	assy.	1.00
Water Stop	l.m.	5.00
Road Surfacing	cu.m.	140.00

Interested contracts are advised to observe the following schedules:

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Last day of issuance of Bid Documents to qualified bidders. - September 02, 2002
Pre-Bid Conference. - September 10, 2002 2:00 p.m.
Opening of Bids: - September 26, 2002 2:00 p.m.

Only bidders eligible to bid shall be issued Bid Documents upon payment of P 3,000.00.

NIA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein and accept submit proposals from the bidders whose bids is considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) JOHNNY V. EMMANUEL, CESO V
Regional Manager

(PDI -- July 27, Aug. 4, 2002)

INQUIRER
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By BONG BARRAMEDA

Saving face

Q. When did boxers start wearing gloves?

A. Early boxing matches were usually bare-knuckle outdoor contests, often fought to the finish, until one man was battered helpless or cried for mercy. In 1743 British fighter Jack Broughton, unbeaten for 16 years, gave the sport respectability by bringing it inside, with standard rules and a roped-off ring. Young aristocrats were among the sport's most ardent followers, and often fancied their chances against star boxers of the day, backing themselves in bets with other bluebloods. They didn't, however, enjoy the prospect of getting their noses smashed. So, Broughton made the boxers wear padded gloves, known then as feather-bedders, to reduce the risk of damage to the good looks of some of his most valued clients.

Pinoy Olympian. Before he became a premier movie actor of the 1940's and 1950's, Jose "Pempe" Padilla, Jr. was a national amateur lightweight boxing champion and represented the Philippines at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. In his first bout, the 24-year-old Padilla created a sensation by outclassing Viktor Schemedes, the German champion who was considered the best in all of Europe. Padilla buttressed his growing image as a favorite for the gold medal by defeating Poland's Jozef Kajnar in his second bout. But in the quarterfinals, Padilla lost on points to Imre Harangi of Hungary in a tightly fought match. Imre went on to win the gold medal, while Padilla settled for a share of fifth place with three other boxers.

For the Record. If the victim of a blow to the head is lucky, the result may be only a severe jarring, or a concussion, that lasts for a few hours. Then, perhaps after some dizziness and nausea, the victim recovers. In a more serious case, a damaged artery may leak blood into or around the brain. Without surgery to remove it, the spilled blood may interfere with vital body functions. If the brain itself has been bruised, convulsions may result. When blood and clear cerebrospinal fluid pour from the mouth, nose or ears, the base of the skull has probably been fractured.

WORD WATCH

Physiognomy (fee zee ag nuh mee) : the practice of trying to judge the character and intelligence of a person by studying the features of the face.

PDI – August 4, 2002

INTER-ISLAND GAS SERVICE INC. (IIGSI)

IIGSI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Manila Gas Corporation (MGC), is inviting offers for the negotiated sale of its real estate property in Barangay Opao, Mandaue City, Cebu. The property consists of two (2) parcels of land with a total area of 11,657 sqm. The indicative price of the property is P15 Million.

The sale of the above property shall be strictly on CASH AS-IS WHERE-IS BASIS.

IIGSI reserves the right to reject any or all offers, waive any of the formalities required, or to accept only such offers at a mutually acceptable price and terms most advantageous to IIGSI, subject to the approval of the IIGSI and MGC Boards and the Privatization Council.

Interested parties may submit their sealed offers from **August 5-23, 2002** to the Bids Committee, 1536 Paz Guazon Street, Paco, Manila. All offers must be accompanied by a bond in the form of cashier's check or manager's check from a major commercial bank payable and acceptable to IIGSI in an amount equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the offer. All offers will be opened by the Bids Committee at 2:00 p.m. on August 16, 2002. The offer letter may be secured from IIGSI c/o Glen Sadian, Tel. No. 564-1781; Fax No. 563-9388.

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NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED/ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS

NOTICE is hereby given to Pre-qualified/Eligible Contractors that the schedule of bid for the New Calamba City Hall Complex Project (Phase I) will be on **September 20, 2002** at the Calamba City Hall Building. Bid Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the said date and will be publicly opened thereafter.

Works to be undertaken shall include among others the furnishing of labor, materials and equipments to complete the said project.

Bid/Tender Documents for the aforesaid project are available for issuance on **August 5, 2002** from F.L. Hong Architects & Associates (Consultant) thru the Project Secretary, Calamba City Hall Complex Project Management Office (PMO), City Planning and Development Office, upon payment of the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00) per set.

Pre-bid Conference will be held on **August 16 & 23** and **September 6, 2002** at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Conference Room, Office of the Mayor.

All particulars relative to bid, evaluation of bid, bid security, performance security and contract implementation shall be governed by the provisions of P.D. No. 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended.

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(Sgd.) **SEVERINO J. LAJARA**
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TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE

LGTM Corporation with **MR. TEODORO N. CAMACHO IV** as president has been offering lots for sale at the 50,000 square meter property located at **Munting Mapino, Naic, Cavite**, which is calls the **ST. JULIANNE HOMES (formerly JOJO VILLA SUBDIVISION).**

Please be informed that all these lots are involved in a litigation, 2 Civil Cases and Criminal Case IS No. 02-146 filed last **February 14, 2002** and pending before the Provincial Prosecutor's Office of Imus, Cavite.

The owner's duplicate copies of the lot's titles are all in the possession of our client, the Marcbilt Realty and Development Corporation (MRDC).

RICARDO J.M. RIVERA LAW OFFICE
Counsel for MRDC

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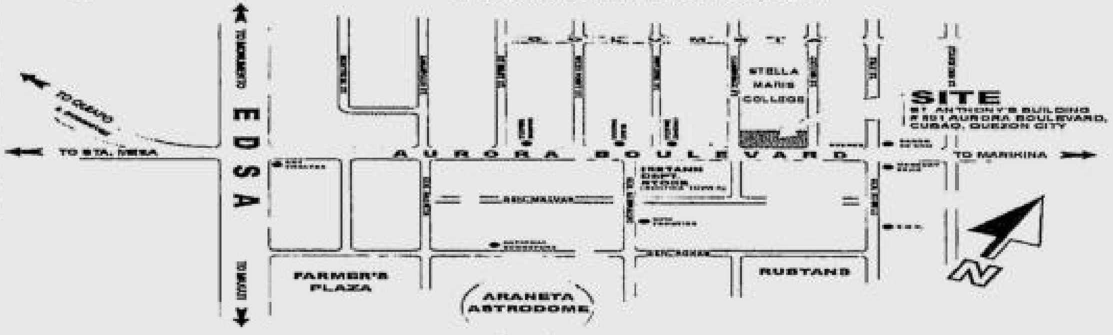

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INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to prequalify and bid for the selection of the University's strategic partner in the planning, development and management under a long-term lease agreement of a 59-hectare component of the 98.5 hectare.

University of the Philippines North S&T Park

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Prequalification forms and Terms of Reference (TOR) may be obtained from the UP North S&T Park Secretariat, Director's Office, 4/F ISSI Bldg./Virata Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from **August 12** to **16, 2002**. Deadline of submission of duly accomplished prequalification documents will be on **August 30, 2002**. After the evaluation of the documents submitted, the prequalified developers shall be duly notifed of the schedule of subsequent activities. For inquries, please call Tel. No. **920-5301** to **99** loc. **4717**; or Tel. No. **920-6923, 927-9238**; Fax No. **927-1034** (c/o Ms. Ludy Cubillas); E-mail: lourdes.cubillas@up.edu.ph.

(Sgd.) **RAFAEL A. RODRIGUEZ**
Vice-President for Development

(PDI - Aug. 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

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Jesus said "I am the Resurrection.
If anyone believes in Me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

John 11:25-26

TONY TAN

(Ten Chiong Valencia)

Born on January 4, 1930 and
passed away in the Grace of our Lord on August 3, 2002.

He will be most missed by his faithful wife **Julita**; by his children **Joseph** and **Ellen**, **Carol** and **Ted**, **Johnson** and **Bubbles**, **Anthony**; and by his grandchildren **Aya**, **Misha**, **Ethan**, **Sam**, **Timmy**, **Joshua**, **Sabrina**, **Kyle** and **Karl**.

His body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz,
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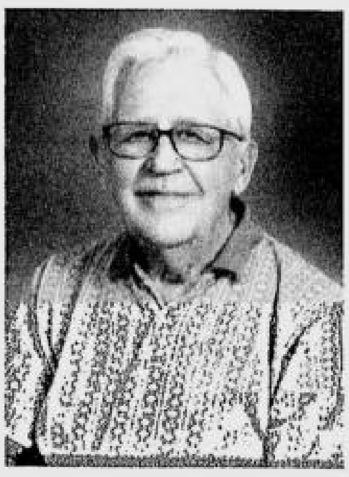

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its Founder and First Director.

He went peacefully to the Lord on August 1, 2002 at the age of 88.

His body lies in state at the Xavier School Multi-Purpose Center.

Mass will be celebrated daily at 8:00 p.m.

Please omit flowers. Donations are welcome for
THE XAVIER SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL & TRUST FUND,
a scholarship fund for deserving Xavier School students who need financial assistance.

Burial will take place on August 6, Tuesday
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May he rest in peace.

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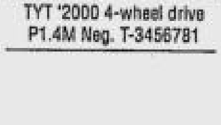

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NOTICE OF LOSS

Lost Stock Cert.No.94122902 05223982 95304100 in the name of Kim Eng Sec. Fao Escolastica Sulit
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PERSONAL

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
Holy Spirit thou who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory. Amen.

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Kalikid Sur, Cabanatuan City

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION (HGC) took over the following lots/house and lots at Villa Emilia Subdivision located at Kalikid Sur, Cabanatuan City by virtue of the Deed of Assignment and Conveyance executed by Planters Development Bank in favor of HGC on **April 28, 1998**. Redemption of rights over the properties is until **June 13, 2003** only. Thus, all concerned buyers with previous transactions with the former owner, Sps. Benjamin B. Cajucom, Sr. and Emilia V. Cajucom are advised to visit HGC at 2nd Floor, Jade Building, #335 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City or HGC's sub-regional Office located at the Ground Floor, Amelita Bldg. cor. Tinio St. and Maharlika Highway, Cabanatuan City to present their sales documents, official receipts and other proofs of payment made to Sps. Cajucom and manifest their intention to pursue or cancel the purchase of the following lots/house and lots:

TCT NO.	BLK/LOT NO.	AREA	PARTICULARS
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67748	1/5	150	lot
67749	1/6	152	lot
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67788	7/7	243	lot
67789	7/8	243	lot
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67791	9/1	150	lot

If the concerned buyers fail to see us and present the required documents within fifteen (15) days from date of this publication, HGC shall declare the above properties open for sale to other interested parties.

For more inquiries, please contact Gloria C. Concepcion or Luz M. Natanawan at Tel. Nos. **897-3217** and **897-3229** to **35**.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON N. ABANGAN**
Vice President - Project Management
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(PDI - Aug. 4, 2002)

Bureau of Agricultural Research
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) invites contractors classified and registered with the IAC on Registration and Classification of Contractor's to apply for Eligibility and to Bid for the Renovation/upgrading of UPLB-Institute of Plant Breeding R & D Facilities for Varietal Improvement (Phase I):

I. Renovation and upgrading of the UPLB-IPB Specialized Laboratory Building and Seminar Room:
    1. Renovation, repair and retrofitting of the UPLB-IPB Specialized Laboratory Building and Seminar Room; and
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II. Renovation of the UPLB-IPB Seed Storage Facility.

Contractor Classification: Medium A with Electrical Specialty for building and with PCAB license
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Deadline for Submission of Letter of Intent: August 13, 2002

The proposed work to be undertaken shall include the furnishing of Labor, Materials and Equipment necessary to complete the project.

Contractors may obtain the Eligibility Statement Form and Bid Document from DA-BAR after presentation of Letter of Intent and Letter of Authority if filed by Firm's agent, together with the original of the approved renewal of PCAB License and IAC Registration and Classification and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 2,500.00.

Attention is invited to interested Bidders on the Pre-bidding schedule to be undertaken at the BAC Conference Room located at 2nd Floor, ATI., Q.C.

1. Pre-Bid Conference .... **August 15, 2002**
2. Deadline of Submission of Accomplished Eligibility Forms .... **August 16, 2002**
3. Submission of Bids .... **August 26, 2002** (up to 2:00 p.m.)
4. Opening of Bids .... **August 26, 2002** (2:00 p.m.)

Submission, Opening, and Abstracting of Bid, Submit in two (2) envelopes with the name of the project to be bid and the name of the bidder in capital letter addressed to the BAC. For particulars, please contact: Mr. Rolando V. Labios or Mr. Angel S. Morcozo, Jr. at Tel. No. **920-0219** or **928-8505** loc. **141 & 142**.

All particulars relative to the Pre-qualification, Bid Bond, Bank Statement/Deposit Performance Bond, Bid Evaluation and award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and its implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended and other relevant laws and rules.

The Bureau reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids and waive any informality in the bid proposals received or to accept such as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the government.

Approved:

(Sgd.) ELISEO R. PONCE
Director

(PDI - Aug 3, 4 & 5, 2002)

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1. The Bid Bulletin No. 2 for Packages 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the supply, delivery, fabrication, installation and other necessary services to complete the procurement of furniture for the Office of the Sandiganbayan, will be available at the office of Public Estates Authority (PEA) at 7th Floor, Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City; Tel. No. 817-4711 loc. 182 starting **05 August 2002**, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. of **16 August 2002**.
2. Sealed bids shall be received and opened by the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) at the above address on the following date and time:

	DATE OF SUBMISSION	TIME	
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Package 1:	**19 August 2002**	**12:00 NN**	**1:00 PM**
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Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

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People, Events & Products

Aries Espinosa, Editor

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Kodak scores breakthrough in digital camera technology

ODAK has scored a breakthrough digital camera technology, hav- g solved the problem of restrictive thered operations of current 654-format digital backs.

The solution comes with the new Kodak Professional DCS Pro Back 645C and 645M digital camera backs, which showcases true digital portability, unsurpassed image solution and ease of operation.

These 645 medium-format digital cks feature the acclaimed 16 mp D sensor. LCD display and image management capabilities available in the groundbreaking Kodak Professional DCS Pro Back Plus digital camera back, and are compatible with the Contax 645 and Mamiya 645 AF camera systems.

As small as a 120/220 film magazine, they deliver handheld portability for wedding, portrait, on-location commercial and outdoor photography, as well as efficient performance in the studio.

"Professional photographers now have the perfect digital solution to blend the functionality and portability of an SLR camera with the quality look and feel of medium-format photography," said Jay Kelbley, worldwide product manager, SLR ameras, Kodak Professional.

With an equivalent ISO of 100-400, these digital camera backs enable photographers to shoot in various challenging lighting situations. They are compatible with all host camera functions, including auto-focus and provide overall creative flexibility for zooming, cropping and re-purposing.

They are also fully compatible with the latest iterations of Kodak Professional DCS Camera Manager, Photo Desk, Capture Studio and DCS Custom Looks profiles software, and the new Kodak Professional Extended Range Imaging (ERI) Technology file format.

The ERI Technology is an innovative, proprietary image format that provides professional photographers ease of use of JPEG files with the image quality and color/exposure control of Kodak's highly regarded DCR format raw camera files.

"Our new file format technology was conceived as a convenient, extended-range JPEG format that provides the color management and image manipulation that JPEG files do not," Kelbley explained.

The preserved extended-range information is compressed and then stored in a special location inside the JPEG file. Specially developed Kodak software recovers this information and modifies the image based on user-directed controls.

The new file format will appeal to portrait/wedding photographers who want simple workflows to shoot and print high volumes of images, but have limited storage card space to preserve hundreds of image files.

Photojournalists who have long appreciated the high image quality and exposure-compensation and color-balance capabilities of raw files, but who desire the efficiencies of JPEG files will like this new format in their JPEG workflows.

Commercial photographers will realize similar benefits, as well as the high capture volume and streamlined workflow that location shooters require. Photographers in government, medical and scientific sectors who document procedure and experiments in real time will reap the benefits of capturing JPEG files that preserve all of the original image data.

All these will be presented in detail at a Kodak seminar and product launch at The Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Hotel Manila at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 6. Admission is free. Interested parties need only to register and confirm their attendance through Fiera de Manila (896-0639/37, 899-6893; fax 896-0637, 890-2101; e-mail fiera@info.com.ph and website www.fmi.com.ph).

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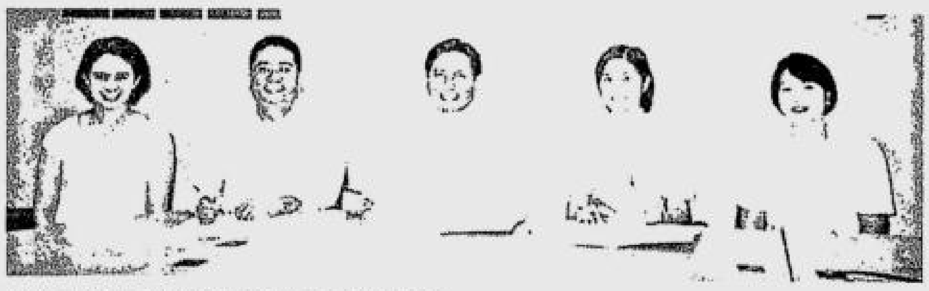
The Ascott Group, a leading international serviced residence chain, has rebranded its property in Salcedo Village, Makati City. Somerset Salcedo Makati, a 150-unit serviced residence, was previously called Stamford Court Salcedo. With the rebranding, Ascott now has two Somerset serviced residences in Manila's central business district, commanding a 45-percent market share of the city's deluxe serviced residence market. Ascott is the largest international serviced residence chain in the Philippines with 290 apartments. Its other property in Makati is the 138-unit Somerset Millennium Makati in Legaspi Village. Shown, from left, are area GM Philip Lim, The Ascott Group managing director and CEO Kee Teck Koon, The Ascott Group COO Cameron Ong, and Somerset Salcedo Makati GM Christopher Bong.



CALL 75 TEXAS FOR DELIVERY

Since July 1, Texas Chicken has been using its new delivery number – 75 Texas (758-3927). Now it will reach areas as far south (Calamba), north (Valenzuela), east (Cainta), and west (Roxas Boulevard). Shown at the contract signing are Mavie Marquez-Eribal, Texas Chicken brand manager, Santi M. Dapul, Texas Chicken general manager, Armando B. Escobar, president of Vitarich Corp., Connia L. Javier and Lourdes Rosario Da Rosa, general manager and president, respectively, of Cling (Customer Loyalty Ingenuity Inc.) which will handle the call center of Texas Chicken.

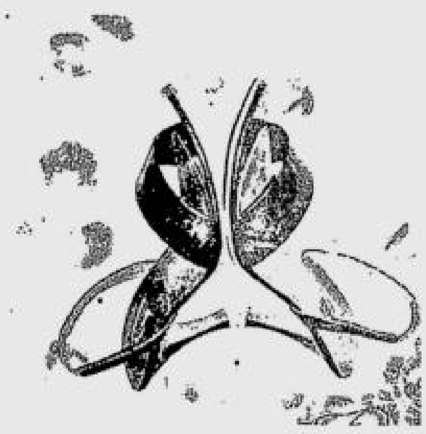
Product FILES

Confetti's new trend in shoes

SHOE aficionados will have a lot to walk about as Confetti brings home the latest in European shoe fashion with its new collection of mules, sandals, and pumps perfect for clubbing, partying and even at work.

With colors borrowed from the rainbow and lots of browns and beiges—the latest collection boasts of new materials and designs such as laminated and embossed leather, which reflect current fashion trends.

As part of giving more value to its customers, Confetti recently joined the Phase 2 of the Kiwi Store Partnership Program. Together with top local shoe brands, Kiwi seeks to promote proper shoe care through a merchandising campaign. Under the program all 17 Confetti boutiques will display tent cards and indoor signage and distribute shoe care leaflets to customers.



The new Confetti collections are available at all major malls and department stores in Metro Manila, Cavite, and Bacolod.

Diabesity – a twofold health whammy

IF YOU think people who have a habit of loading up on sugar are more prone to developing diabetes, consider this.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) revealed that "overweight, middle-aged people who do not exercise are at a high risk of diabetes mellitus (Type II)." The Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation (PCDef), meanwhile, says that obesity is a major triggering factor for diabetes mellitus – the eighth leading cause of mortality in the country that now affects at least 2.5 million Filipinos. With rapid urbanization, dietary changes, aging population, decreased physical activity, and unhealthy lifestyles the foundation expects this number to swell.

As you may have already deduced, obesity is closely linked with diabetes. In fact, the word "diabesity" was coined to describe this link. But you do not just wake up one morning and discover that you are suffering from diabesity. It develops over time via a condition that experts call "insulin resistance." And one of the major ingredients that induce insulin resistance is obesity.

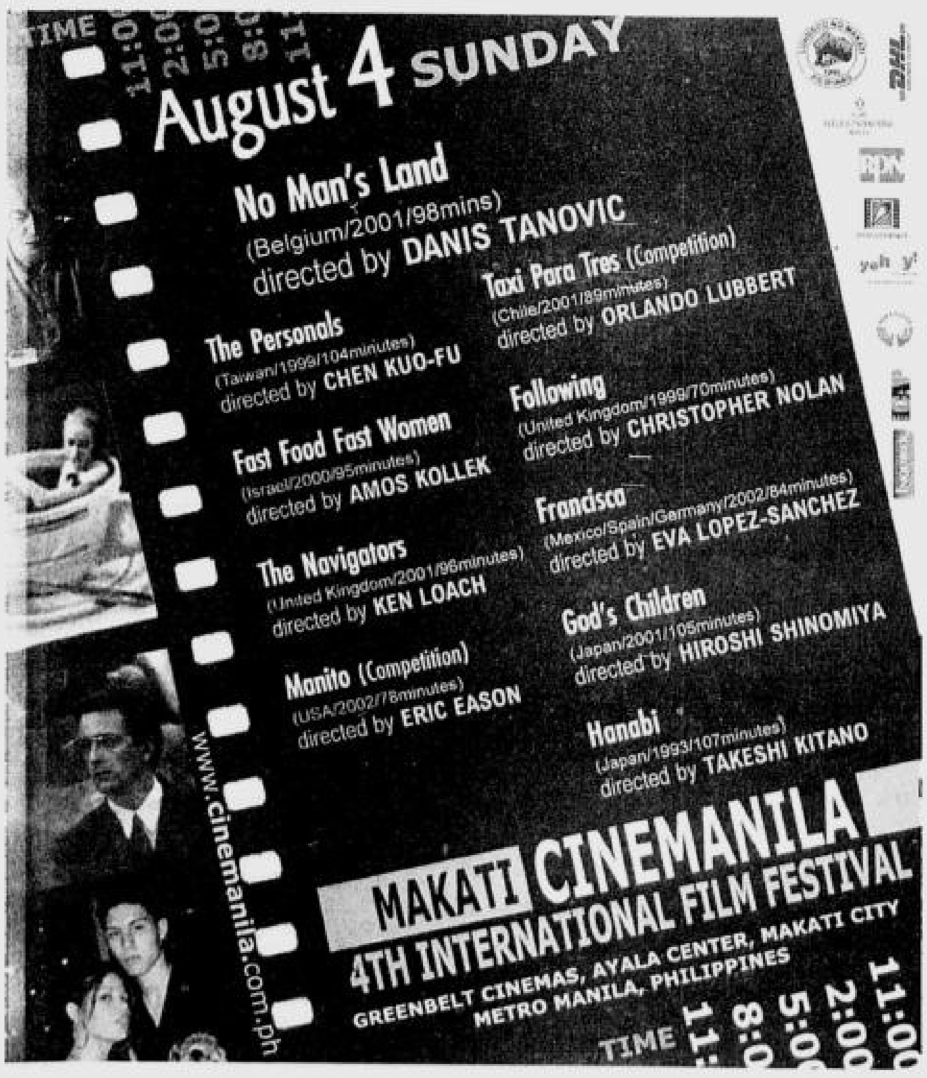
"Insulin resistance happens when the body fails to efficiently use the insulin it produces," according to Dr. Augusto D. Litonjua, medical education director and chair of medicine at the Makati Medical Center (MMC) and physician-in-charge of the MMC Diabetes Educational Clinic.

Litonjua further explains: "When you eat, your body breaks down the food into basic elements. One of these elements is glucose, or blood sugar. It is the body's main source of energy. Now, before it can be utilized as energy, it has to enter the body's cells. But glucose cannot enter the cells without some kind of a 'door key.' The door key, in this case, is insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas. When you have insulin resistance, your pancreas does not produce enough, or does not properly use insulin; so glucose has no way of entering the cells when it is needed. As a result, glucose builds up in the bloodstream where it causes two problems. One, it deprives the cells the energy they need and two, the blood sugar levels in the bloodstream rises, which in turn affect the normal function of the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart.

Numerous scientific studies show that an increase in body weight greatly reduces the capability of insulin to open the doors for glucose. That is why diabetics, or any person for that matter, should not overeat, and should always exercise to prevent undue weight gain. "We are encouraged by new studies that show healthy eating and regular physical activity can actually prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes even in people at high-risk," says Dr. Frank Vinicor, director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) diabetes program.

The Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation, meanwhile, is placing greater emphasis on early intervention with lifestyle change through proper diabetes education. "Diabetes is so complex and so demanding that proper education becomes an important and integral part of diabetes treatment," Litonjua said. "And diabetics must learn to eat the proper diet, learn to exercise regularly, continue their medications, learn to take proper care of their teeth and feet if they want to have quality life," he added.

As part of its continuing education program that started in 1992, the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation is celebrating the 10th Diabetes Awareness Week. The week-long event kicked off at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati July 28 and culminates today, Aug. 4, at the Festival Supermall in Filinvest, Alabang. Highlights of the celebration are the announcement of winners in the "Search for Diabetes Management Achievers" and the launching of an original song for diabetics. Different satellite clinics have also held lectures to stress the importance of early detection and prevention of diabetes complications, while leading drugstores around the country screened first-degree relatives of diabetics.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The press conference held at Max's Quezon Avenue June 22 was well attended by various media representatives. The press conference formally launched the 'Max Masarap' campaign and introduced its new endorser, Piolo Pascual. Boy Abunda and Angela Calina hosted the event. Max's representatives answer questions of the press regarding the new commercial of Max's Restaurant. Shown are (from left) Carlo Fajardo, marketing manager of Ad Circles Inc., Carolyn Salud, board member of Max's Group of Companies, Piolo Pascual, and Merlee Jayme, executive creative director of Ace Saatchi & Saatchi.

PFRD IN DISABILITY PREVENTION WEEK

The Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled Inc. (PFRD) recently took part in the celebration of the 24th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week. A thanksgiving mass and floral offering were held at the Apolinario Mabini Shrine at Malacanang Park July 17. The floral offering was led by Manuel Agcaoili, PFRD president (third from left). Shown, from left, are directors Robert Chinjen and Milagros Drilon, vice presidents Ma. Amelita Villarosa and Zeny Tanada, public relations officer Villa de Guia, and director Mercedita Tiamzon.

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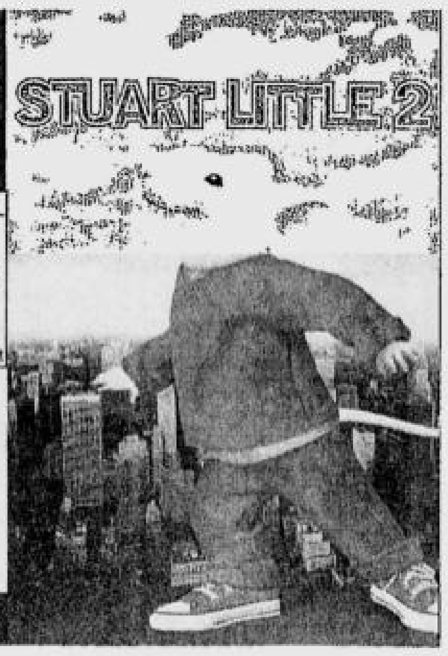

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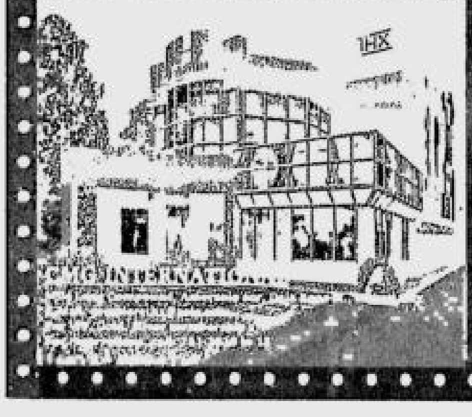

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Poverty drives woodcarver to carve his fortune

By Peter La. Julian
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ROSARIO, La Union—Pablo Cuniit did not dream of owning a house or a business enterprise in his adopted hometown of Rosario. His primary concern then was to feed himself and his three siblings when they were orphaned at a young age.

So Cuniit, 43, a native of Hungduan, Ifugao, and the second youngest in the brood, started working when he was barely eight years old. He worked as an errand boy for a sand and gravel delivery firm, a truck helper, bricklayer and a houseboy. He said life was hard and he could barely earn enough to buy food.

Cuniit was born in the village of Hapao in Hungduan, where most men are wood carvers. It was not long before he took the craft seriously.

At 14, his first works consisted of a wooden hand flashing the victory sign and a wooden ashtray. For these masterpieces, Cuniit said, he earned the "princely sum" of 50 and 75 centavos, respectively.

But life was hard in their village.

In 1979, Cuniit decided to go to Baguio City where most of his town mates had gone to try their luck. He worked as a carver for Ifugao woodcarver Reynaldo Lopez Nauyac, who was also a native of Hungduan.

By then, Cuniit was so skillful he could carve two figurines in a day. He labored in Nauyac's shop for three years. He and his family were barely surviving even if he put in more hours in the shop to earn more money.

One day, he met Alipio Mondiguing, a neighbor in Ifugao. Mondiguing invited him to work in his woodcarving shop in Rosario, La Union. He readily accepted the offer.

In 1988, Mondiguing was appointed acting officer of his hometown and temporarily left his business in the care of Cuniit.

Fore more than a year, Cuniit was exposed to the management of a woodcarving business—from production to marketing and its financial aspect.

When Mondiguing decided to close his shop, Cuniit put up his own woodcarving shop as he was confident that he had gained enough experience in running the business.

He rented a piece of land in Barangay Saytan here, where he built a structure that became his production area and showroom.

From his shop, woodcarvings with various designs were produced—the now familiar eagle, lion and tiger. Most of these became his "signature" pieces.

When there was a slump in the sales of his products, he personally delivered the items to the Munsayac Handicrafts in Baguio City. Munsayac became Cuniit's regular buyer for at least two years.

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ANTIQUE reproduction in Cuniit's showroom along the national highway in Rosario, La Union

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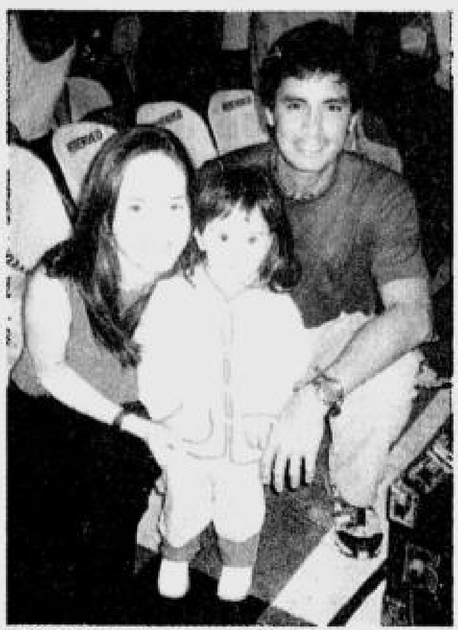

BENCH FILES. Daddy Richard Gomez, mommy Lucy and baby Juliana share the spotlight.

Setting a benchmark in China

Text and photos by Tim Yap

AFTER CONQUERING the Philippine market, retail visionary Ben Chan embarks on a new frontier—the Asian market. And where else to look but at the country where every Filipino feels a particular connection to, be it by blood or just plain affinity to exotic orientalia. Retail history has just been rewritten with the opening of Bench China.

> Ben Chan brings to Manila the Changchun Acrobatic Troupe to signal Bench's Chinese invasion

To mark this momentous episode in the lifestyle brand's never-ending, always-winning saga, Bench hosted with the Ayala Center the renowned Changchun Acrobatic Troupe in Manila. The gala show last Thursday at the Glorietta Activity Center provided Manilans a taste of Chinoise talent aside from Chinese food.

"For a while it was always other Asian brands coming here. Now it is our turn to shine and make our Asian siblings realize what Filipino brands are all about," said someone as she munched on delectable dimsum catered by Macau Restaurant. Everywhere you looked, it was red. The Ayala Center became an auspicious arena of red-clad revelers all one in celebrating with the Pinoy mega-brand, family style.

One quick look at the audience revealed an A to Z list of glitz-biz persona, fashion forerunners and followers. This time, however, they brought their kids along—making it a strictly family affair.

Jovial Juliana Gomez was sitting on mom Lucy's lap, as daddy Richard looked on. The Bench family endorsers looked radiant and happy as they watched the Chinese contortionists do their thing onstage. Near them was Cathy Santamaria-Escaño, who was sand-

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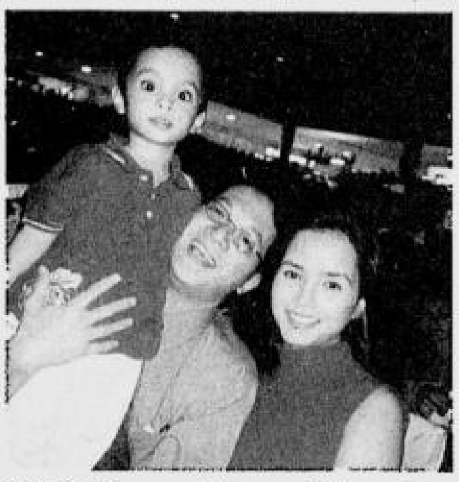

G FAMILY moment between Nicky and Sara Jane Santiago with son Max

UNITED FAMILY COLORS. Marzo and Rissa Samson with son Enzo

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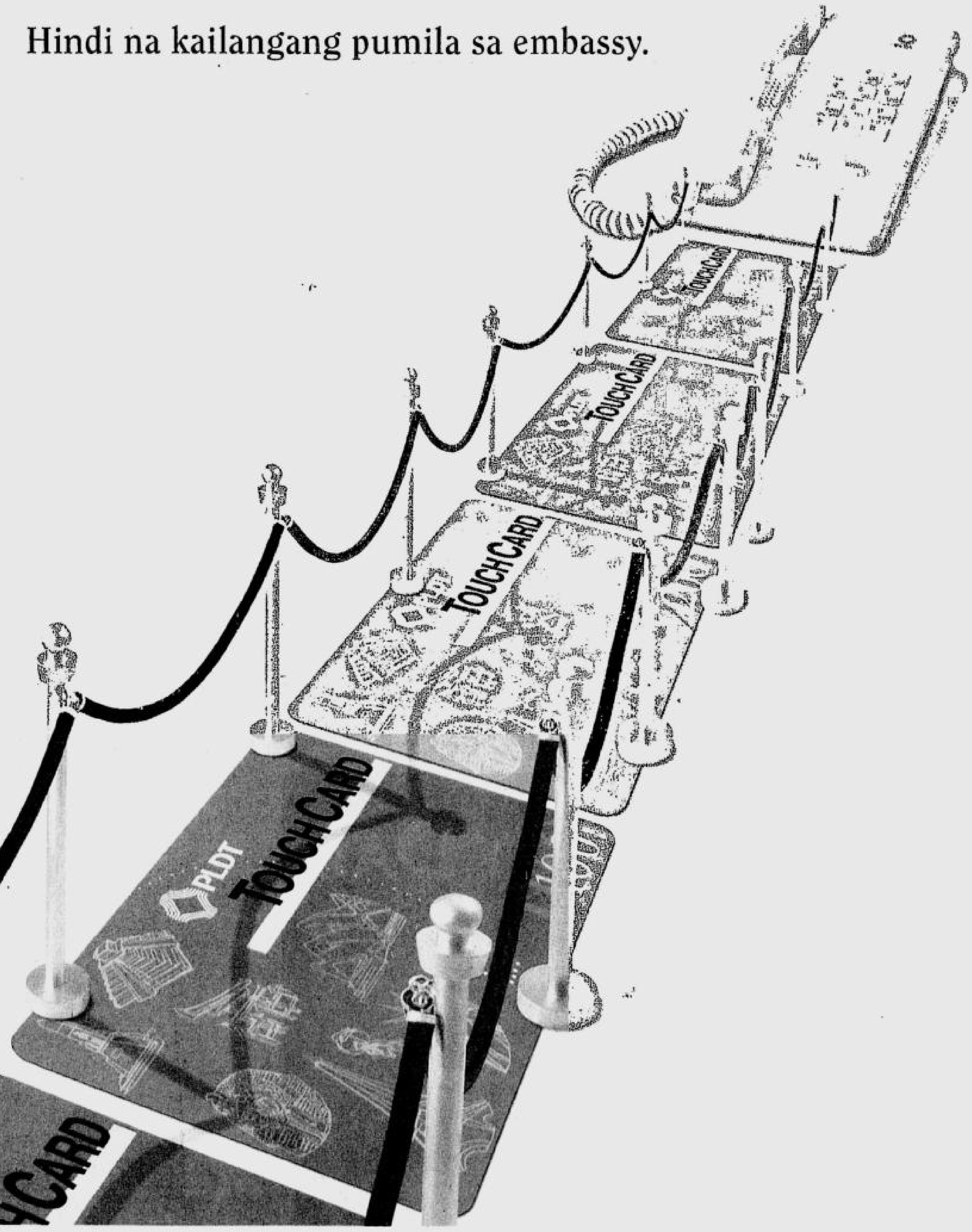

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DEBUNKING MYTHS ABOUT E.D.

Man has always equated sexual prowess with vitality, ego, machismo and strength. Since the time of Samson and Delilah, men have been in search of a potion, a drug or even an incantation that could alleviate or cure man's ultimate debacle which is erectile dysfunction (ED).

There are several treatment options for ED. But the earlier ones that have come out are rather inconvenient and intrusive. The most effective one is **Sildenafil**, the only oral treatment for ED in the country today. The discovery of this new drug which consistently brought about erection in 70-80% of men suffering from ED* was like manna from heaven. All at once, people were interested in the process of erection and its physiology, the causes of erection problems and how it can be prevented and - of course - its treatment. It became the centerpiece of conversation among men with true grit. Yet inspite of the education, certain myths have clouded our understanding of ED. Some of these myths are the following:

MYTH 1 - **Erectile Dysfunction is uncommon.**

FACT - A health survey by Feldman published in 1994 and known as the Massachusetts Male Aging Study found that 52% of men aged 40 - 70 years had some degree of difficulty in achieving and/or maintaining an erection. Approximately 35% had moderate to severe ED. Yet inspite of this, less than 25% consult a physician for various reasons like embarrassment, ignorance and fear of ridicule. They instead rely on hearsay and party consultations that may be misleading or can turn out to be harmful.

MYTH 2 - **The major cause of ED is psychological in nature.**

FACT - Today, studies have found out that the major causes of ED are organic in origin. They are either vascular disorders like hypertension, atherosclerosis and heart disease or neurologic impairments like strokes, trauma to the spinal cord and degenerative disorders affecting the spine. The most common cause is diabetes mellitus. However, psychological factors such as self-confidence, anxiety and partner relationship problems may initiate or complicate existing ED.

MYTH 3 - **ED is a condition affecting only elderly men.**

FACT - While the prevalence of ED increases with age, many men do retain their ability to erect well into their 80s. Quite a number of men below their 50s have consulted for ED as well. In short, ED can occur in young men who abuse themselves physically like eating too much good food containing plenty of cholesterol, smoking, drinking, substance abuse and no exercise. Psychological trauma can contribute as well. The best prevention is a healthy lifestyle consuming the bacchanalian pleasures with moderation.

MYTH 4 - **Men with ED must learn to live with their condition.**

FACT - If man can be stoic about erection and maintain a platonic relationship with his wife for the rest of his life, then one can say that this statement is true. However today, science and medicine have found a way to bring about a natural process of erection through the convenience of a pill. The large number of prescriptions and tablets of **Sildenafil** sold worldwide will bear witness to that fact. And somewhere out there, happy couples are thanking their lucky stars their wish finally came true.

MYTH 5 - **Sildenafil cannot be taken for those with heart disease or diabetes.**

FACT - Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, **Sildenafil** was first tried as a cardiac drug until it was discovered serendipitously to work better for erection. The only contraindication is the use of nitrates. What is more important is to find out whether the rigors of intercourse can be tolerated by the heart. A simple test would be to walk briskly for 15 minutes and climb a flight of steps to the second floor. If you don't feel faint, out of breath or develop chest pains, then you can tolerate 5-6 METS of activity (good enough for intercourse) and come out smiling. If you are not sure, then consult your doctor.

Years from now, new myths will be borne out of man's need to overcome his deficiencies and insecurities. Hopefully in the field of erectile dysfunction, men will have understood enough of their condition to face their ailment with hope and certainty.

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This is a survey to determine which among the myths above is most widely believed to be a fact.

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THE CHANGCHUN Acrobatic Troupe

Setting a benchmark in China

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wiched between her gorgeous kids Ignacio and Rosio. "He looks like [dad] Thirdy, right," smiled the radiant mom.

Elsewhere, Globe boss Nicky Santiago was carrying son Max, while his wife, Sara Jane Paez-Santiago, beamed with pride. Suyen Chi-Sia was busy singing a lullaby so baby Eaton would go to sleep. Enzo Samson walked past his front-row seat in excitement, keeping proud parents Rissa and Marzo on red alert. The Ayala group was fully present, led by Winnie Nazareth and Cathy Bengzon.

All-teen acrobats

Onstage, it was one breathtaking act after another. A parade of contortionist girls was followed by a solo act of a girl holding five candelabras (yes, five—one in her mouth, two held by her hands, the other two on her feet). As she twisted and turned herself upside down so effortlessly you began to wonder if she had bones at all. "Their bodies are so firm—all toned and slender," exclaimed

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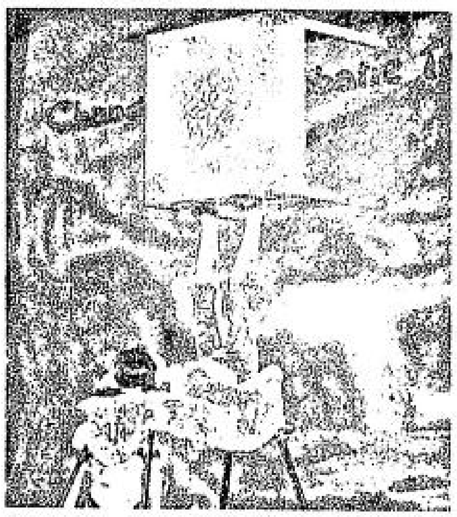

CHINESE version of Supergirl

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SAVING TIMES

ACROSS
1 Brandy bottle
6 Singer MacRae
12 Prone
15 Cratchit kid
18 Chatter boxes?
20 Melville or Munster
21 Corporate VIP
22 Tokyo, once
23 Giza god
24 DST Salman Rushdie book?
27 Itch
28 Little hit
30 Manner
31 Jeweler's measure
32 Self starter?
33 Meddle (with)
37 It may be grand
38 DST Gary U.S. Bonds hit?
42 One of the Waughs
43 Component
44 Pop
45 Jaclyn Smith, for one
49 Did nothing
51 Deck of destiny
52 Moo juice
53 Director Craven
54 Computer acronym
55 Acts like a stallion
57 Hiawatha's transport
58 Harvest
59 Pickling herb
60 "— Comes Mary" ('66 song)
62 Frank book
63 DST Spencer Tracy film, with "The"?
68 "Rise and —!"
70 Barter
71 Isolated
72 Lewis or Long
73 Clean the sink
75 Jambalaya ingredient
77 Palm oil?
80 Bird-to-be
81 Yarn
82 Cairo creed
84 Diminish
86 Chime
89 Dwight's competition
90 Busy as —
91 Israeli airline
92 DST Count Basie song?
96 Underside
99 Crooner Rudy
100 Notes from Verdi?
101 Wield
102 — -tac-toe
103 Desire deified
104 Word with on or off
107 DST Vogues tune?
113 Unwrinkled
115 Author LeShan
116 — pollo!
117 "The Far Side" cartoonist
118 Paraguayan title
119 Dress size
120 Actor Brynner
121 Proof-reader's list
122 Spoken for

DOWN
1 Brawl
2 Metallic fabric
3 Mideastern gulf
4 Trans-gression
5 Agile Olga
6 Worn-out
7 Barnyard belle
8 Literary preposition
9 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
10 Flight
11 Respond
12 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 tune)
13 I.M. the architect
14 "The Hobbit" author
15 — incognita
16 Perfect
17 — Carlo
19 Cook fast and hot
25 Subway unit
26 Monkey or pony
29 Neither's partner
32 Jocular Johnson
33 City on the Loire
34 Curly coif
35 TV's "America's — Wanted"
36 Set
37 Stroke of luck
38 Piccadilly pound
39 Reverse
40 Sneezes and wheezes
41 Aspen apparatus
42 Singer Guthrie
45 Church support?
46 Deal with a nose
47 Glum drop?
48 Discern
50 Ambition
51 Hard to believe
52 Palomino's pride
56 Yalie
57 Harbor locale
58 Lestat's creator
59 Say it isn't so
60 Out of range
61 Cover
62 Couturiere Karan
63 Artist Velazquez
64 Bikini, e.g.
65 Factual
66 Chowder ingredient
67 Sound like a Shorthorn
68 Molt
69 "Les Miserables" author
73 Word with bath or shovel
74 Summon
75 Mary Kay —
76 Banister
77 Off-limits
78 List entry
79 Nest noise
82 Adored one
83 Gin flavoring
85 — California
87 So out it's in
88 Mottled
89 Woodworking tool
92 Fishing gear
93 Paddle
94 Angry
95 Robert Wright musical
96 Assail
97 Nitrous —
98 Denison denizen
99 Damone or Dana
102 Hard work
103 Best or Ferber
104 "—, Ma! No hands!"
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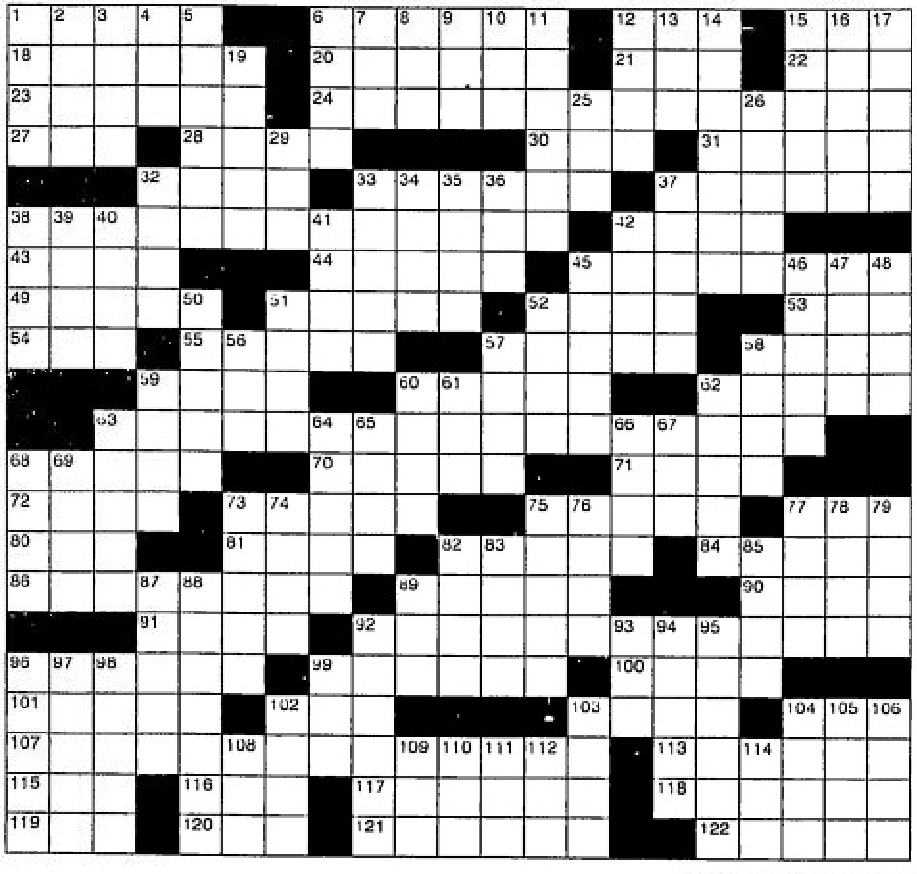

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BENCH DYNASTY. Miguel Pastor, Ben Chan and hunk Edward Mendez

BENCH TRIO. Randy Ortiz, Joe Salazar and Ben Chan

Setting a benchmark in China

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somebody in the audience, who obviously knew about fitness. The age range of the group is from 11-16—it's an all-teen acrobatic group.

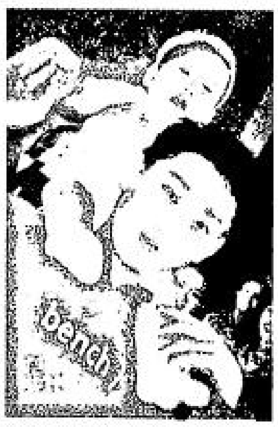
Next came a march of hat-throwing-and-catching boys dancing to the orientalized tune of "The Lonely Goatherd" from "The Sound of Music." It was followed by the Chinese version of Supergirl—she rolled giant jars and tables with her legs from an elevated seat. After that, colorfully costumed unicyclists, jugglers, jumpers and other amazing treats came in frequent bursts, causing the audience to applaud after each sizzling set.

CHINA EMPRESS. Suyen Chi-Sia and baby Eaton

To be sure, some of the performances were not perfect but that just made the show more charming. The kids in the audience were wide-eyed with amazement as they watched their Chinese sibs strut their stuff. For all we know, the performers could have been our cousins. We could have shared the stage had we learned to tumble with grace as kids. The upbeat music recalled dinners in Ongpin's restaurants and strolls toward Eng Bee Tin to buy *hopia* and *tikoy* for friends.

All in all, it was awesome family entertainment. It felt great to have that festive air of Chinese New Year in August. If you think about it, it is a new year for Bench as it reaches another crossroad in the company's multifaceted, multiawarded career.

"So if you happen to be in Xiamen or Shanghai and crave for high-quality and stylish goods from a Pinoy brand, you know where to go," said host JC Gonzales in his closing remarks.


CHINESE youth acrobat with baby Eaton Sia

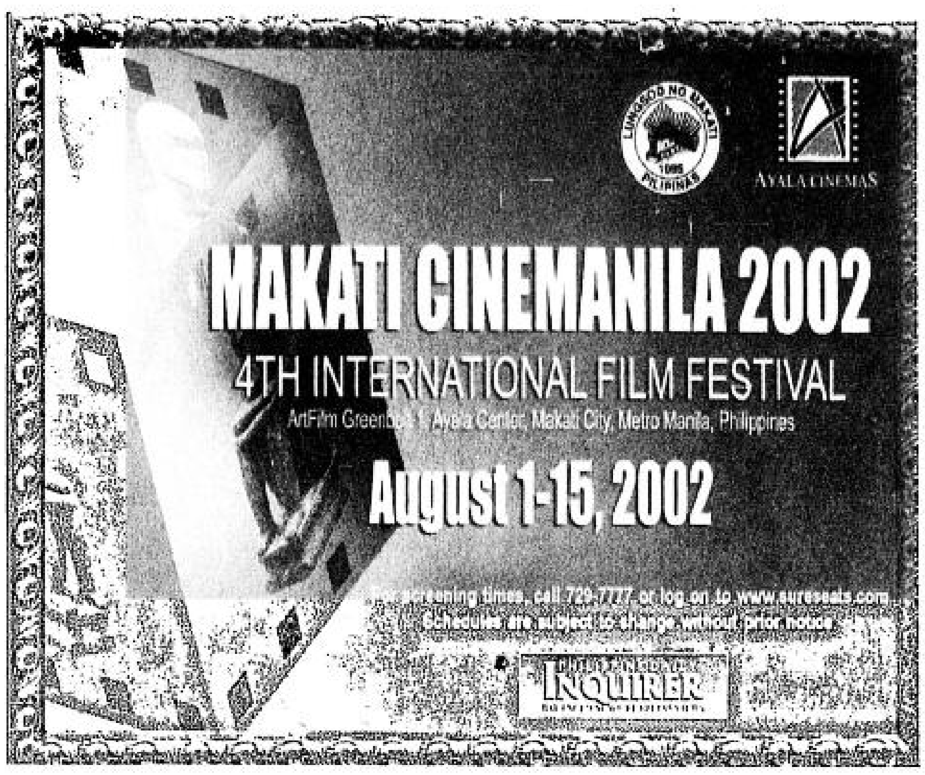
In the meantime, consider yourself lucky that you do not need to go to China to buy Bench jeans, or shirt, or sneakers, or underwear, or cologne, or gel.

The Changchun Acrobatic Troupe performs at the Ayala Center today (2, 4 and 6 p.m.); at the Alabang Town Center on Aug. 9-11 (11 a.m., and 3 and 6 p.m.); and at Ayala Center-Cebu on Aug. 16 (11:30 a.m., and 5 and 7 p.m.) and on Aug 17-18 (11:30 a.m., 3 and 6 p.m.).

CHINESE CONNECTION. Alta Tan and Tonichi Nocom

BENCH hunk Robby Mananquil and Nicolette Bell

FAMILY TREE. Cathy Escaño with kids Rosio and Ignacio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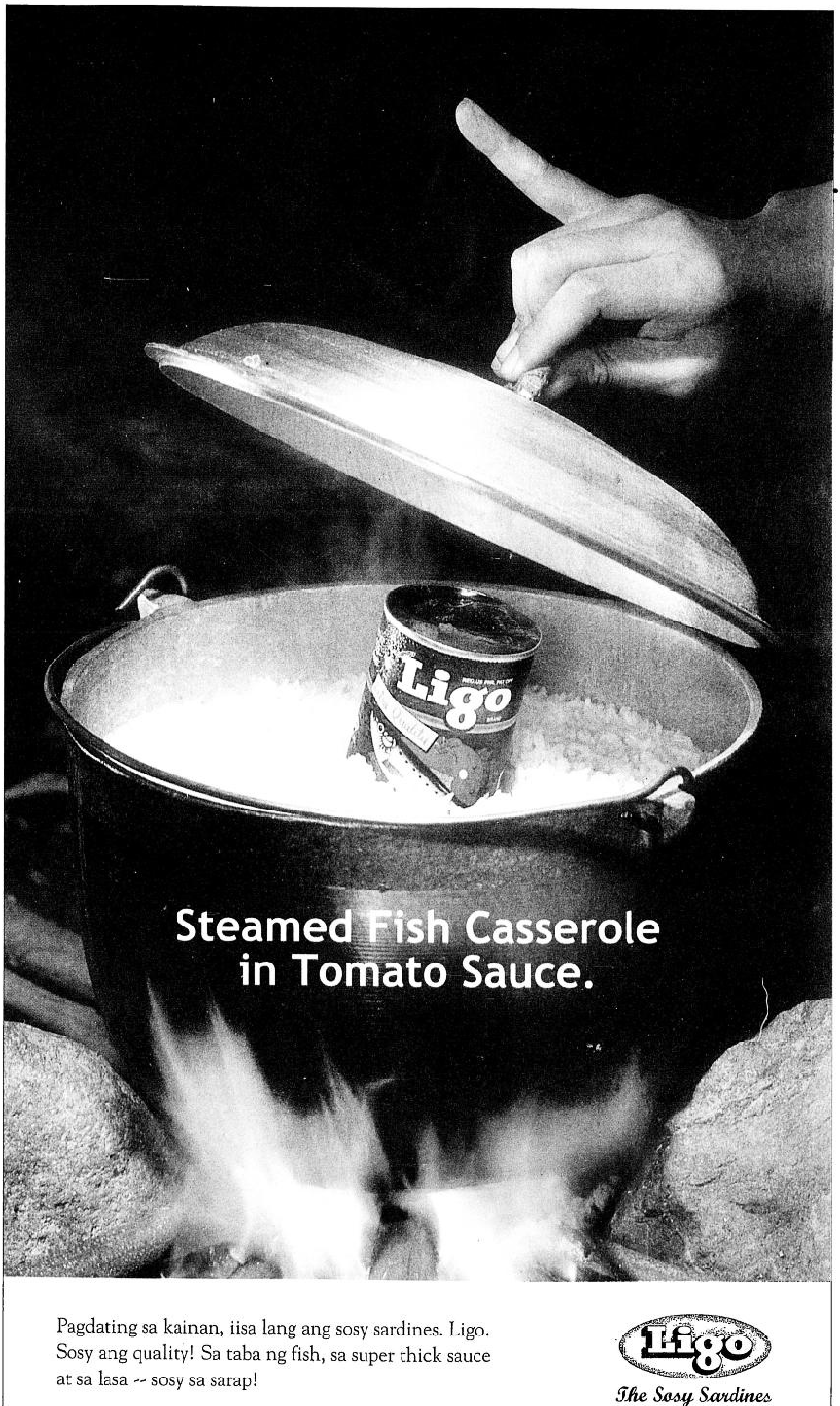

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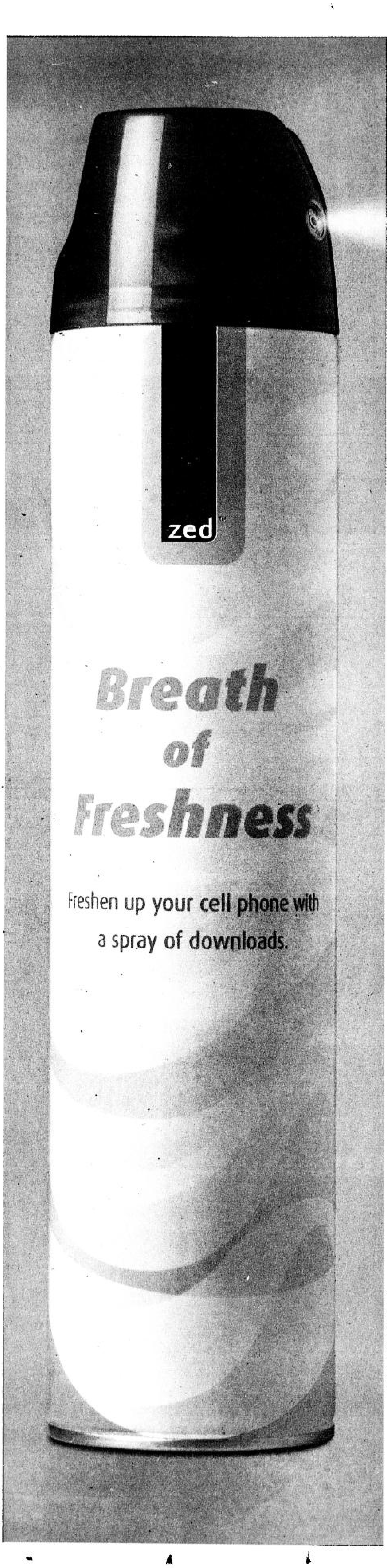

Suffer the little children

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Mike Alquinto

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Tracy Villanueva lies quietly still on a small bed inside a lemon-colored room painted with a delicate pattern of tiny ivy and flower that have been painstakingly stencilled on the four walls. Beside her, her mom blows bubbles across her face, eliciting a smile from the little girl. The bubbles go past Tracy's face and pop close to an intravenous bottle filled with chemotherapy drugs for the little girl's leukemia.

No, this scene is not taking place in the confines of the Villanueva home. Mother and child are in the treatment room of the Tumor Clinic of the East Avenue Medical Center. The room has been painted by a team of volunteers headed by a child life specialist.

This past week, the nation observed the second National Child Life Week, but in a country where only four hospitals, all of them in Metro Manila, have child life programs, the celebration passed with no more than a whimper.

Despite the tremendous benefit that child life programs have brought to sick children and their parents, thousands of sick Filipino kids are still deprived of them.

Girlie Garcia, executive director of Kythe, a support group for children with cancer, is, by far, the only US-certified child life specialist in the country. She had been applying her skills for the last 10 years before she was certified in 1999 by the Child Life Council of America. Her fervent wish is that there would be more people like her and more hospitals, both private and public, that would offer child life programs run by specialists. "Many of the hospitals we have here only have one or, at the most, two [specialists]," Garcia says.

Stress reduction

Child life specialists are non-medical members of a medical team. They do not diagnose or perform medical treatment: They help both in-patient and out-patient children by reducing the stress and anxiety that many of the kids experience in these situations.

A child life specialist must meet certain educational standards, including a baccalaureate degree in child life, psychology, child development, human and family studies, or any closely related field. For certification, an applicant must complete a 500-hour internship in a child life program under the supervision of a certified specialist, and pass a comprehensive, written examination given by the Child Life Council.

Garcia says that in the United States, child life is a well-developed field and most American hospitals have well-established programs. "No two child life specialists are alike but their main responsibilities are very similar," she says.

Among the specialists' tasks are developmental assessments, explanations of procedures in child- and parent-friendly terms, support and distraction during procedures. Among the distrations are deep-breathing, counting, talking, blowing bubbles, listening to music, and even playing Gameboy. Support for the child continues even after a procedure. The specialist stays with the child and, in the presence of a parent, answers questions, talks about how he/she felt about the procedure, and makes sure that the child is calm and comfortable.

Other child life specialist tasks include medical play; supervision of the playroom and organizing activities; planning and participating in field trips, parties, special events, and special camps; attending physician rounds and patient staffings; planning and implementing behavioral modification; education of hospital staff about child life; being present at in-patient and out-patient procedures to lessen stress and make the child more comfortable; and, most important, becoming an advocate for child patients and their families.

CHILD life specialist Girlie Garcia at play with a young patient

MIGI'S ROOM. A child life specialist interacts with a child at the National Children's Hospital.

Child life specialists help reduce the stress and anxiety of seriously ill children

SHARING stories with a cancer patient.

Garcia stresses the importance of play in preparing a child for an upcoming treatment. "It may be as simple as putting a leg cast on a teddy bear just like the one the child will soon have or [something] more involved, like helping a very anxious child learn more about having special procedures such as chemotherapy or a spinal tap or an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging). In those cases, we take the child to the radiology or the MRI center room and allow him/her to manipulate and play with the equipment, and talk about the procedure before the actual appointment."

Three R's

Psychological preparation accounts for big part of the child life specialist's responsibilities. Garcia sums up the three important R's of this preparation—rehearsal, where the child is walked and talked through the procedures in age-appropriate language; reassurance, where the specialist prepares the child; and recapitulation, where the specialist makes sure, through play, drawings or verbal queries, that the child understood what had just been explained to him/her.

"We also give a lot of support to the parents and this is where bibliotherapy comes in. We try to give them materials where they can read about their child's illness or the procedures that the child will have to undergo," Garcia says. For chronically and critically ill children, there are bedside activities such as arts and crafts and storytelling sessions. "We also make recommendations to the child and parents in regard to 'medical play' at home, things that they (parents) may want to bring to help comfort their child, behavioral changes they could expect to see in the child both during and after hospitalization, and how to talk to the child when questions or concerns about the hospital stay arise, among other things," she adds.

In a perfect scenario, child life specialists complement the work of doctors and nurses and support the overburdened and over-stressed parent in dealing with the fears and anxieties of a very sick child.

"There's really no competition here and this is all being done in the best interest of the child," Garcia stresses. While parents are there to give love, and doctors and nurses to attend to the medical aspect of the illness, the child life specialist is there to address and support the emotional and psychological pain of the young patient.

In the Philippines, there are child life programs at the East Avenue Medical Center, AFP-V. Luna Medical Center and National Children's Hospital (NCH). Another one will open

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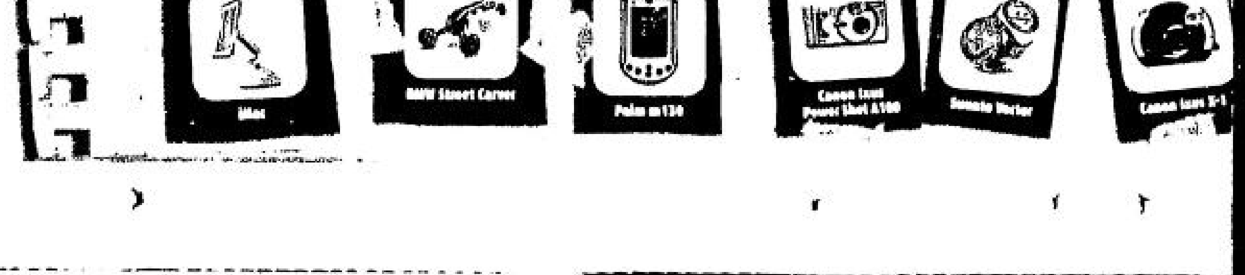

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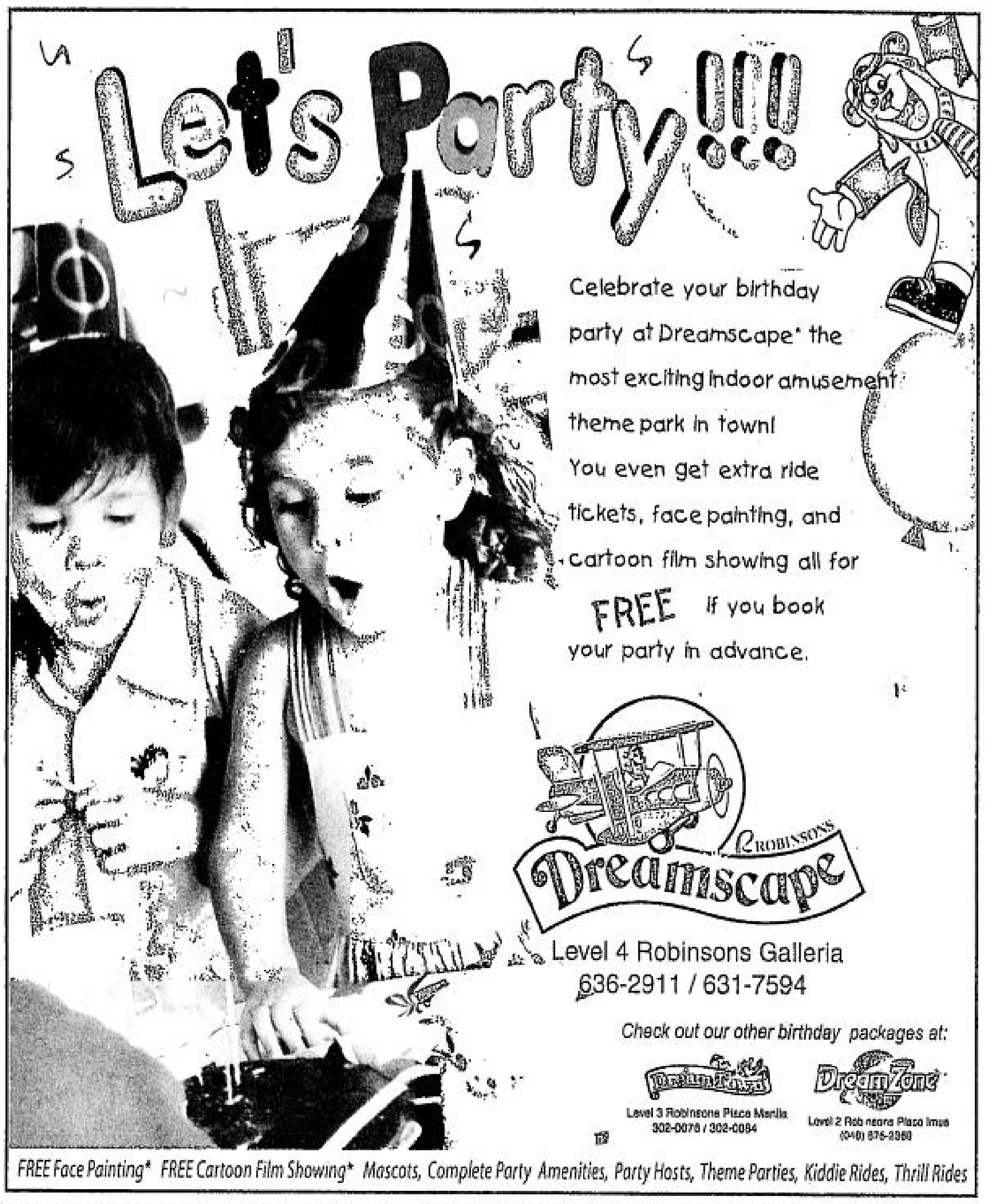
These award-winning candles and other finalists are available for public viewing at the Carousel, 2/F Festival Supermall on Aug. 15-28 at the "Gift of Nature" exhibit, hosted by Philtrade Exhibits. For details, call 820-7879 or 820-1570.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TAKING TIME OFF

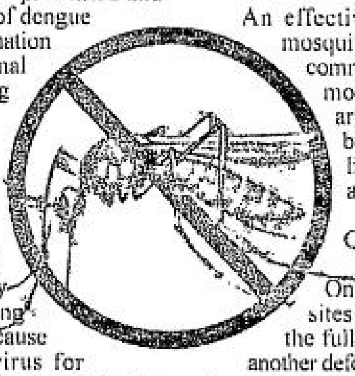
By Dr. Eric Tayag

Control and conquer of dengue

Faced with this killer, you just have to take matters into your own hands. After all, dengue is considered a menace to society's health.

While medicine is still on the lookout for the ultimate cure, dengue remains to be a deadly disease that spares no one. As such, prevention and control is not only temporary - it could also be costly. The immediate focus is not so much on vaccination but in getting rid of the culprit: the Aedes aegypti mosquito.

However, the spread of dengue can be prevented and controlled through prompt treatment of dengue patients; source reduction, or the elimination of mosquito breeding sites; and personal protection, with or without using insecticides.



Isolate the victims

Dengue patients should be given proper treatment at the onset of fever. It is important for the patient to be isolated from the non-victims, especially children, while the patient is undergoing treatment and nursing care. This is because the patient becomes a source of virus for mosquitoes. Once a mosquito gets a chance to bite the patient, that mosquito acquires the dengue virus and naturally becomes a carrier. The succeeding victims of the mosquito's bite will then get the virus - and the "circle of doom" goes on.

Drive them homeless

The wriggling creatures you see on the surface of your stored water at home are potential dengue carriers. These clean, still waters are the sources for mosquito breeding. As such, it's important to use source reduction in preventing mosquito breeding by covering or screening water containers, draining ponds and marshes, and filling in ditches, pools, and other water sources at home. Other breeding sites that need to be controlled are man-made, such as used tins and bottles, old rubber tires, roof gutters, flower vases, and other things that may store water from the rain or leaking faucets.

Regular community clean-up campaigns can also help control the source of mosquito breeding, though only temporarily. The key is to make sure that breeding sites do not re-accumulate to prevent mosquitoes from coming back. Larval control may provide longer effects especially in densely populated areas.

If you can't beat them, kill them

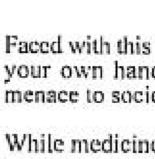
An effective way to fight full-grown deadly mosquitoes is through insecticides. The more common household forms of insecticides are mosquito coils and aerosols. For larger areas, space spraying or "fogging" may be applied. This, however, has short-lived effect and requires costly repeated applications.

Get them off your skin

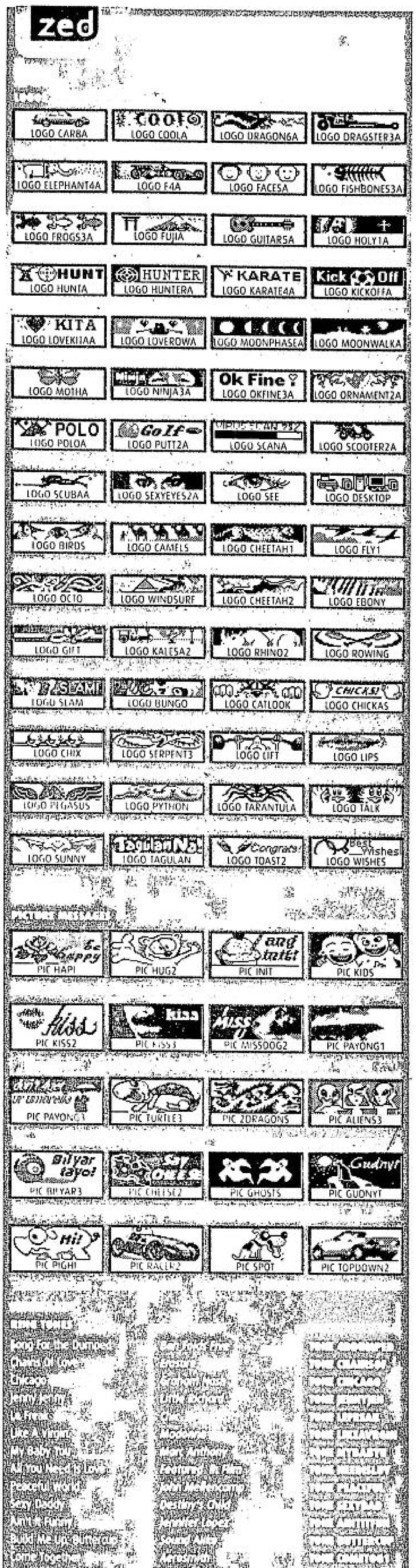
Once you have taken care of the breeding sites and perhaps used insecticides to kill the full-grown mosquitoes, self-protection is another defense measure you can take. This includes using mosquito repellents, bed nets, house screens, or protective clothing. Among these three, an effective mosquito repellent should be the most sensible choice.

Bed nets are only practical at night, though it can also help when isolating sick children from the swarm of deadly day-biting mosquitoes. House screening can keep mosquitoes out of the house, but this may not be as effective. Clothing can only cover as much as what you feel is comfortable.

Repellents can give you peace of mind because it serves as second skin that prevents human-mosquito contact. Repellents are better applied repeatedly in exposed areas on skin as perspiration may remove initial application. The best time to apply repellent lotion is around ten in the morning and just before sunset. But before you use a mosquito repellent lotion, make sure it is easy on your skin as it is effective in getting mosquitoes off.



Taking Time OFF is a bi-monthly public information drive against dengue by SCJohnson's OFF! Mosquito Repellent Lotion. Dr. Eric Tayag is a dengue specialist, who also works for the Department of Health. For inquiries and comments, you may email him at e_tayag@doh.gov.ph. On the next issue, Dr. Tayag will provide statistical data on dengue cases here and in other countries.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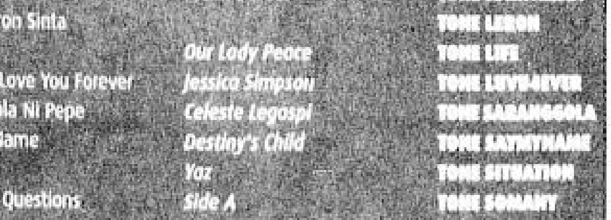
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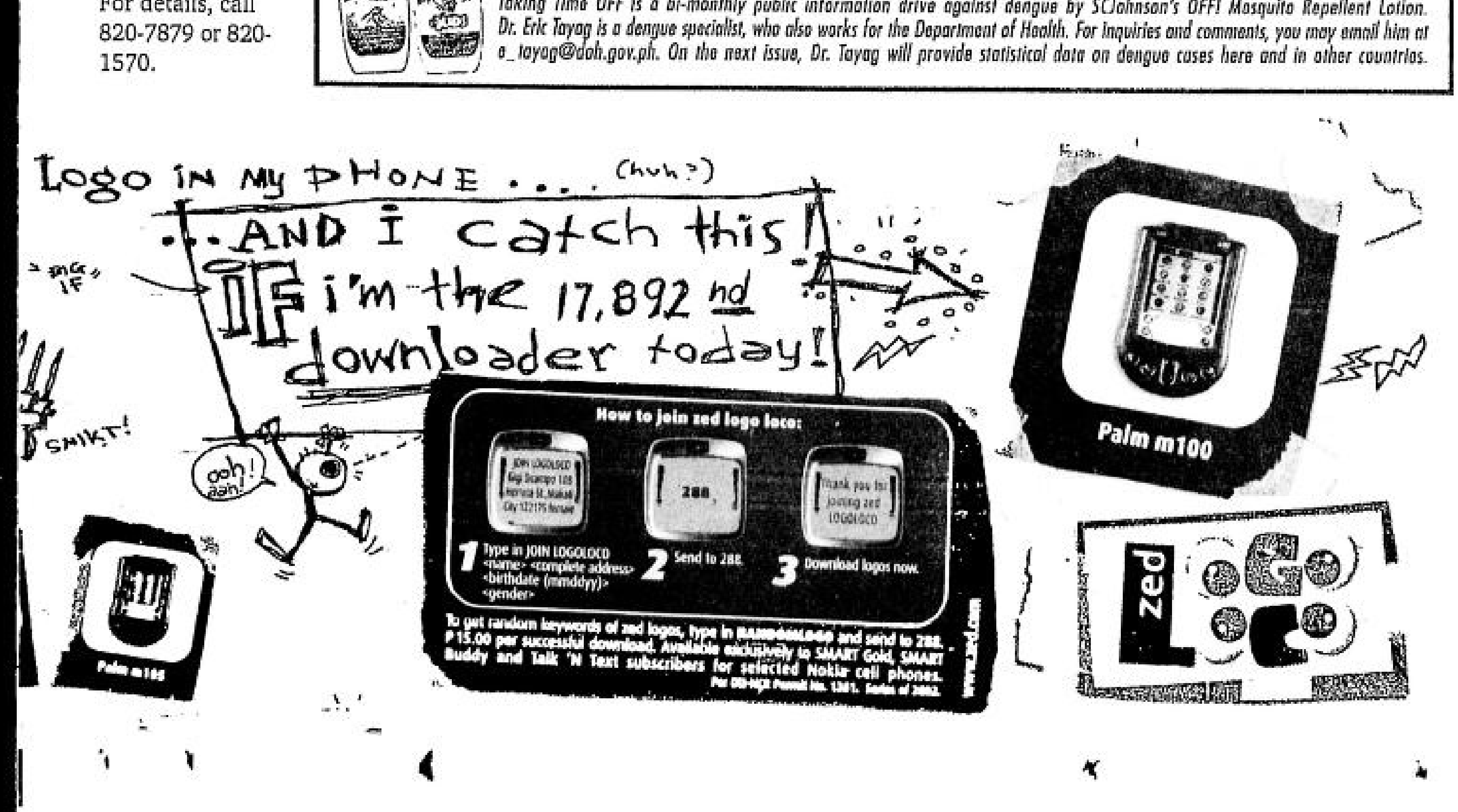
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Suffer the little children

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soon at the National Orthopedic Hospital. The child life program at the NCH was inaugurated this week with a series of activities to launch the services now available to children confined in the hospital. All the four hospitals are government institutions supervised by the Department of Health (DOH). Sadly and surprisingly, no private medical center in the Philippines has a child life program.

Need for support

Garcia and her team of volunteers are more than willing to train medical staff so that more children and parents will benefit from the program. "What is really lacking is the support," she says. A specialist can train the medical staff only in hospitals under the DOH. "We are very happy with the support that the DOH gives us, but we would really like for more hospitals to invest in time and manpower so that they too can have these programs in place. Some hospitals have playrooms and playgrounds but these are not well utilized unless there is a child life program in place," Garcia says. Her team partners with the Migi's Corner Foundation in running and maintaining the "corners" at the East Avenue Medical Center and the National Children's Hospital.

STORYTELLING time

"It's really a team effort. Someone can come in to build and furnish the playroom, the hospital provides some degree of manpower and we, or the hospital itself, bring in the people to set up the program and encourage volunteers to run it," Garcia explains.

Unfortunately, what happens more often is that a corporation's involvement is just a one-shot deal. It will probably donate a major play equipment, or redecorate a room and furnish it. But without a program or the commitment of the hospital, the materials are often underutilized or go to waste.

Volunteers are the backbone of the child life program, but Garcia says that they will not join or be consistent in their involvement unless there are systems in place. "Child life specialists train the volunteers in all aspects of [the program]. This is not just a one-shot thing, so we also look at the commitment and compassion that our volunteers have for our young patients," she says.

BUBBLE therapy at East Avenue Medical Center's treatment room

Garcia says that there are minimum requirements for a well-established and sound child life program that can be easily satisfied if a hospital is willing to invest. "First of all, you need to have a medical director who is open and supportive of a child life program. Why? Because more often than not, changes need to be made in the institution—like giving up a room that is already being used and converting it into a playroom and small office or reassigning at least two staff to the program full-time," she begins.

"The child life program has to be under a specific department—pediatrics, rehabilitation, social work—and it is up to the director to decide. [At least] two personnel have to undergo child life training and implement the program. Since they must have taken child development courses, they usually come from the hospital's nursing staff," she says. "[Hospitals] also need to provide even just a small office space for the child life specialists and volunteers as a base for operations. *Hindi puwede yung nakiki*-squat *lang*," she adds.

Play is important

Among the most important requirements is the provision of a playroom where the child life specialists can conduct their programs and activities with the children.

"The playroom is a safe haven for the child. When he/she is there, we avoid having men or women in white and absolutely no procedures whatsoever are performed," Garcia says. She recounts the story of an 8-year-old boy who was to undergo a laser procedure on his cheek. "The nurse told him, '*O, halika na, kukuryentehin ka na.*' Naturally the poor boy had visions of being electrocuted! So he ran from his room into the Migi's Room playroom because he knew that to be the safest place in hospital," Garcia says.

Training of specialists can be done locally through Kythe where Garcia is executive director or, if the hospital is willing to invest, even overseas, specially in the United States where practically every major hospital in all 50 states have child life programs.

The American Pediatric Association is very active in the promotion of child life. It has issued a manifesto recognizing the need to address pain in children at all levels—physical, emotional and psychological. The AAP policy statement (November 2000) on hospital care states: "Although other members of the health care team share these responsibilities for the psychosocial concerns of the child and the family, for the child life specialist, this is the primary role. The child life specialist focuses on the strengths and sense of well-being of children while promoting their optimal development and minimizing the adverse effects of children's experiences in a hospital setting."

In fact many studies cited in the Journal of the Association for the Care of Children's Health have shown that most of the pain that a child goes through is 80 percent psychological and emotional. Medicines can ease the physical pain, but emotional wounds go much deeper.

"A lot of adults are terrified of going to the hospital simply because they were perhaps traumatized in childhood. In addressing these needs, we are also contributing to the psycho-emotional well-being of these children who will one day become adults," Garcia says.

Helping a patient learn about and/or cope with a one-time treatment or a chronic disability or illness will certainly leave an impact on a child. It will not only affect him/her in the present, but also in future dealings and similar circumstances. Child life specialists help children and their parents reduce, release and express stress, anxiety and fear. They teach coping mechanisms, relaxation techniques and, more important, knowledge that comes with the empowerment to rise above the fear and anxiety of an uncontrollable situation.

Hopefully, the children learn these lessons well. Hopefully, too, they will carry them through adulthood and apply them to more difficult situations, confident in the knowledge that, as children, they were able to look fear in the eye and overcome pain with the grace and maturity of an adult.

For more information on child life training, call Kythe at 922-6370 or visit www.childlife.org

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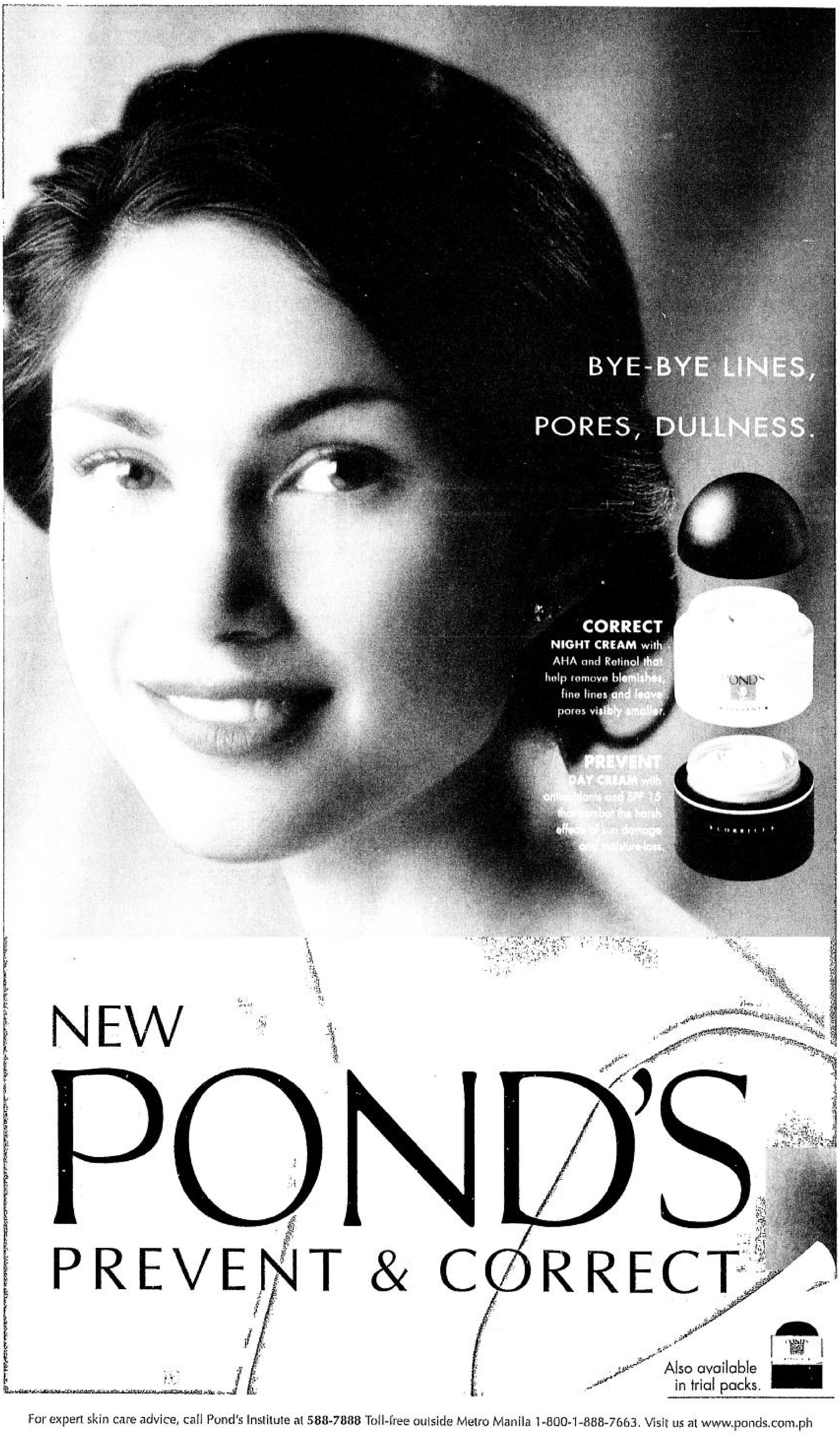
CREATIVE play at the National Children's Hospital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Miracles marked beatification of Escriva in 1992

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Josephine Darang

WHEN Zeny Sacqui Naval came back from Rome after the beatification of Blessed Josemaria Escriva on May 17, 1992, she related stories of miracles that happened then. Zeny is a supernumerary of Opus Dei.

I heard such miracles when I visited the Escriva exhibit at the Ayala Town Center last month. One story tells of a Spanish businessman who was forced by his wife to attend the beatification. He walked around St. Peter's Square afterwards and met 20 Peruvian farmers. They were able to travel to Rome when they each borrowed $2,000 with a promise to pay during two years of harvest.

Touched by their story, the Spaniard gave $40,000 to the men. Now they don't have to wait for harvest time to be able to pay.

Another story was about a paralyzed man who was watching the beatification rites on TV when he felt the need to drink water. He stood up and went to the kitchen. He then realized that a miracle had happened to him through the help of Blessed Escriva.

Filipino guard in Rome

Ray Santos, a security guard who worked for Phelps Dodge and whose boss was Ramon B. Santos, was asked to go to Rome to attend the Congress "The Greatness of Ordinary Life" last Jan. 11 to mark the birth centenary of Blessed Escriva.

In his speech, Ray Santos explained how he became an Opus Dei member, erasing his preconceived notions that one has to be rich to become one. Phelps Dodge president was Santos, a supernumerary of Opus Dei, who taught his employees the value of sanctification in daily work.

According to Santos, when the time comes that the first employee he meets at the gate greets him with cheerfulness and sincerity, it's a sign that the employee is one of the thousands of happy followers of Blessed Escriva.

Ray also worked as driver for the managers who attended retreats out of town. Phelps Dodge offered a corporate-wide human resource development program that included doctrine classes, retreats, recollections and work value seminars.

A retreat coordinator encouraged Ray to sit in during these activities while waiting to bring back the managers to Manila.

Ray said, "The struggle to live my vocation in the environment where I came from was not easy." He stopped drinking and staying out late at night.

When Phelps Dodge was transferred to Tarlac, Ray stayed to work for a construction company, where there were 600 employees such as carpenters, masons, laborers, security guards, steel men and helpers. He was in-charge of them. His formation in Opus Dei is helping him cope with this big responsibility.

When he was in Rome, Bishop Javier Echevarria, prelate of Opus Dei, presented him to the Pope. He was very happy.

Spanish lessons

Pilgrims who wish to learn conversational Spanish before they go to Rome for the canonization and, afterwards, to Madrid can call P01 at cellphone (0919) 528-7325.

Books on Escriva

I am reading right now the biography of Blessed Escriva by Peter Berglar, a German university professor who probed the character of the Opus Dei founder. Since Opus Dei was founded on Oct. 2, 1928 in Madrid, it felt good to learn how Escriva strove to keep it going despite the Spanish Civil War.

Call Sinagtala Publishers for books on Escriva at tel. 897-1161, or go to National Book Store for his writings.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Those who have not booked their flights to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Escriva on Oct. 6 can call World's Wonders at tel. 726-6162. Departure is Oct. 3.

St. Philomena feast day

One effective intercessor is St. Philomena, virgin and martyr, whose feast day falls on Aug. 11. Fr. Cesar Bujat of Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Gen. Capinpin Street, Bangkal, Makati, will say Novena Masses until Aug. 10, 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. on weekdays and 5:45 a.m. on Sundays. For details, call Lucy or Tita at tel. 843-4639.

Those in Quezon City can go to the Most Holy Redeemer Parish on Malac Street, Masambong. Fr. Jojo Zerrudo will offer Novena Masses until Aug. 10. Call Monica at tel. 365-1011 for the schedule.

Those who want *estampitas* can go to the National Center of the Universal Living Rosary of St. Philomena at 430 Mayon St., QC, or beep pager 1481-100256.

Poor Clares

Poor Clares monasteries all over the world will hold Novena Masses in honor of St. Clare of Assisi on until Aug. 10. Her feast day is on Aug. 11. Monasteries in Sorsogon; Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya; and Maria, Siquijor, wrote to remind me of the feast day.

In Metro Manila, one can go to the Monasterio de Sta. Clara on Aurora Boulevard, QC, before one turns left to Katipunan Road. I have been to this place. There is a chapel where devotees attend Mass and pray for intercession so they'd pass the board exams.

Father Cacao's healing Masses

I first attended a healing Mass of Dr. Diwane Cacao in 1994 when he was building the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Barrio Calejan, San Pablo City. The church was built and Father Wanny served as the parish priest for several years, until he answered God's call to continue his healing ministry.

Father Wanny now has the Sancti Dei Healing Center in Lopez Village, Los Baños, where people come for healing Masses. The land was donated by Nanay Zeny Umali and the chapel was built through the kindness of many people.

Every Tuesday, 8:30-11 a.m., is a healing Mass; every Friday, another healing Mass is held at the same time. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. Retreats can also be held at the Sancti Dei Healing Center. Please text (0918) 913-1611 for schedule.

Other healing Masses sked

Fr. Wanny Cacao will go to the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Angeles City for a healing Mass at 5 p.m. Organizer: Spirit of Love Catholic Community, with Bro. Nestor Mangio as head servant.

A Mass on Aug. 9 will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Bulwagang Villegas, Manila City Hall to mark Mayor Lito Atienza's birthday.

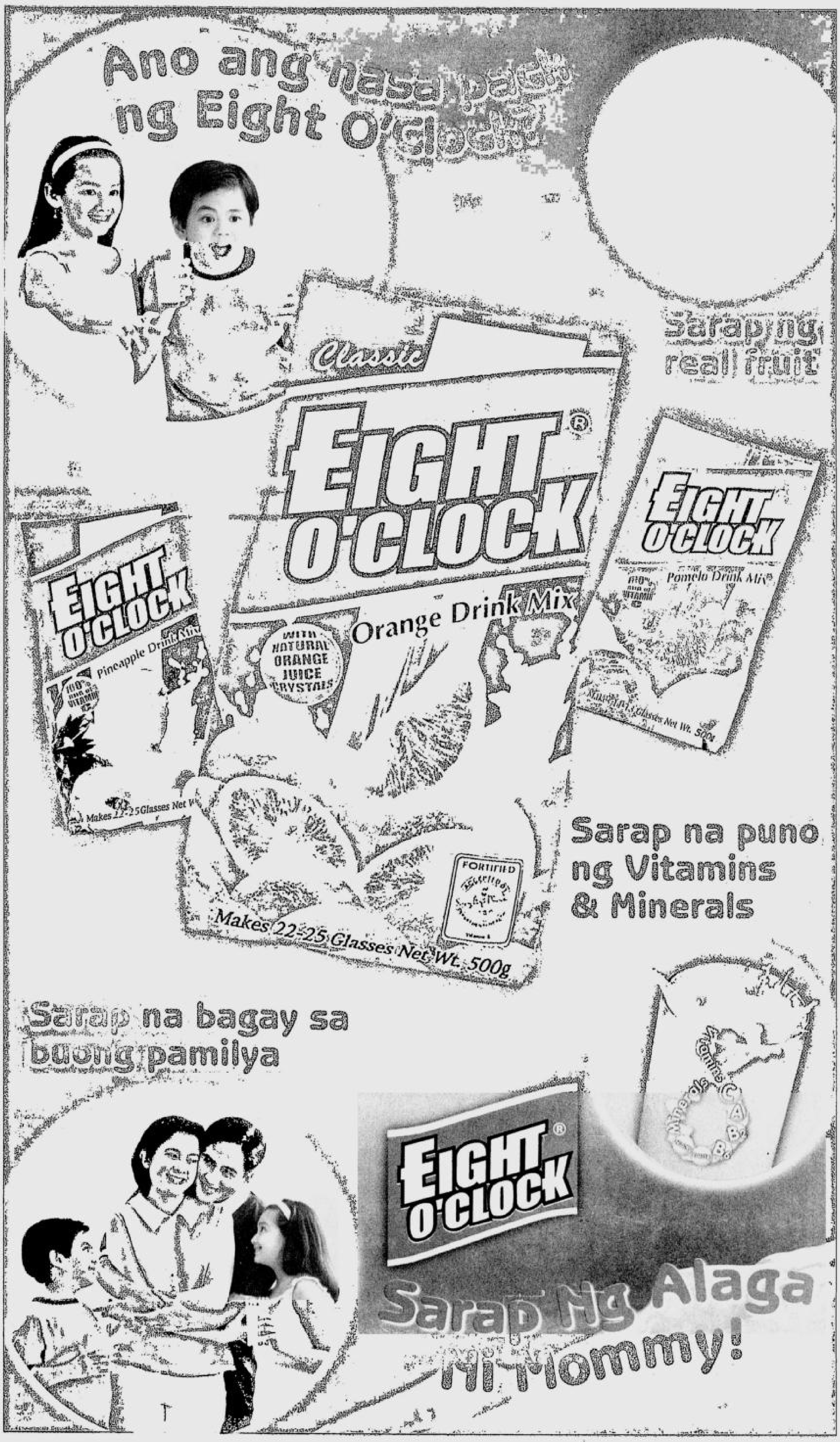
On Aug. 10, 4 p.m., there will be a healing Mass at the Sts. Peter and John Parish on Orange Road, Potrero, Malabon City, to mark the 40th anniversary of the parish canonical erection. Parish priest is Fr. Adrian Magnait. Coordinator is Anny Cacao.

Our Lady of the Assumption in Viga

Many years ago, the image of Our Lady of the Assumption was stolen from the church of Viga, Catanduanes. A new replica has replaced the image, but the people still miss the old one.

Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo has developed a devotion to Our Lady of the Assumption. Phebe Tumapil is asking Vigaeños to attend the Mass for Our Lady today at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on Nadurata Street (between 7th and 8th Streets) in Caloocan. Regarding the schedule, please call Phebe at tel. 527-8412 (office) or tel. 734-2084 (residence).

POPE John Paul II talks to Ray Santos while Bishop Javier Echevarria listens.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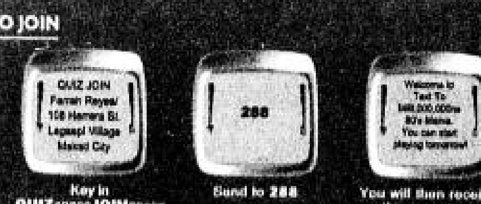

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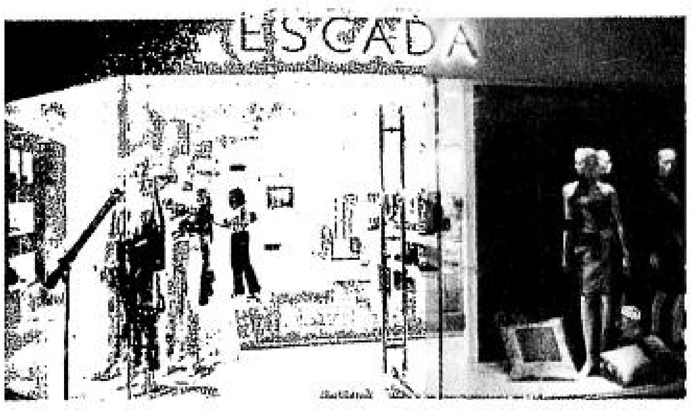

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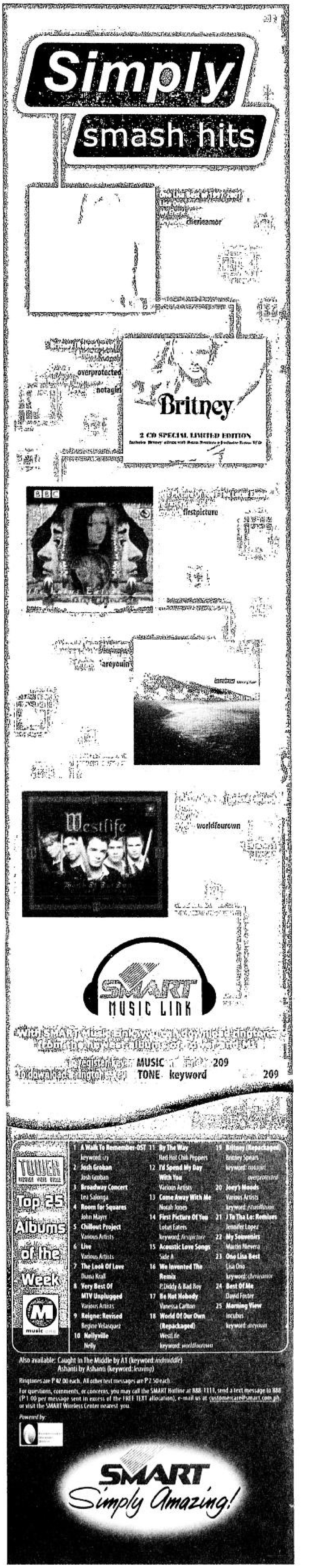
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Ces Drilon launches her books and art gallery

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Raul Teehankee

"MAG:NET" is like my fifth baby," says Ces Oreña Drilon, referring to her business venture, which deals with books and art sale. Being married to one of the country's popular artists, Rock Drilon, the award-winning TV host, who's a mother of four boys, knows the business well.

During the inauguration of her shop, which is located at The Loop 9501, right behind her mother station Channel 2, Ces was the dutiful proprietress attending to bigwigs such as Senators Frank Drilon and Loren Legarda Leviste, Fernando Zobel, Freddie Garcia, and colleagues Korina Sanchez and Tina Monzon Palma.

Canvasses by Juan Alcazaren, Bernardo Pacquing and her husband graced the walls of the book and art gallery, while a time capsule invited guests to drop their memorabilia before it was sealed. Target date for the re-opening is year 3000.

I looked for the book by Amando Doronila on the Estrada presidency, but it was already sold out. I ended up buying Aprodicio and Eleanor Laquian's tales about the "The Erap Tragedy."

Wishing the 40-year-old TV personality-turned-entrepreneur more success.

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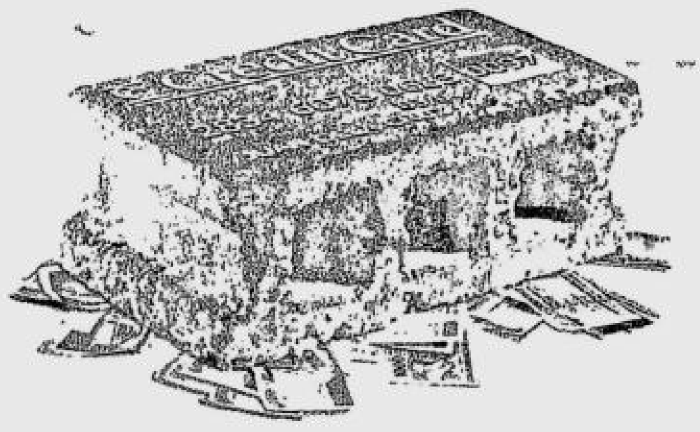

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THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

It happened to JC Barrameda of Sta. Mesa Heights, who received by mail two gold card promos. Since he already had a regular credit card and a supplementary account, he didn't activate the gold cards. "Besides, there was no accompanying letter or advisory," he said. When he received his statement of account, however, he found out that he was being charged annual fees for the two gold cards he did not activate.

"To top it all, the payment we made for our regular cards were not fully and properly credited but were diverted instead to the gold card accounts. We are still receiving bills even if we have already sent three letters and photocopies of payment receipts we sent Standard Chartered Bank," Barrameda said. He also terminated the accounts last April.

"To this day, the bank's customer service and credit card division continue to send bills with additional charges for late payment, interests, and penalties," Barrameda complained.

Reminder on credit card fraud

From Full Circle Communications comes this reminder. Credit card swindlers have a new modus operandi. Beware of people posing as customer representatives of a credit card company. Using such aliases as Joseph Santo or Joseph Natividad, they call cardholders to announce that because of their good credit standing, they have been chosen to receive increased credit limit, effective immediately. But the cardholder is supposed to surrender a current credit card plus relevant information to a messenger, who would personally go to his house or office. The information includes PIN number.

More ATM complaints

Lindab@wave.com wrote: "Banks should advise ATM clients how to handle and store their cards. How would I know, for instance, that an automated teller machine refuses to make transactions if something is wrong with the card's magnetic stripe? Two BPI Express Teller machines at Glorietta refused to accept my card. I tried another machine, and it accepted my card finally. But it rejected any transaction and simply flashed the message on the screen that 'data on mag stripe not valid.' Same thing happened at the ATM in Shopwise." A friend later explained to this befuddled BPI customer that her ATM card had a damaged magnetic stripe. She had to pay P50 for a card replacement.

From Edwin Pinero Carino, a retired bank worker residing in Sireguelas Cottage, Silliman Campus, Dumaguete City: "You cited the manager of Landbank in Bicutan saying that if we, ATM clients, are in a hurry, we can make our transactions over the counter of the bank. I don't agree. The purpose of encouraging bank clients to use the ATM is to decongest the banks' counter transactions. By the way, I was also a victim of this machine's error. I lost P2,000 and was not able to recover the money."

Calling A-Z Direct Marketing

Neonita F. Escobedo of Human-Humay Road, Gun-ob, Lapu-Lapu City wants to know why she has not received any copy of Reader's Digest when she already paid the full charges for a one-year subscription. She said she paid P1,395 last March 11 to A-Z Direct Marketing with Philippine National Bank check number 0034842 PNB Lapu-Lapu branch. Based on bank notation on clients' returned checks, the PNB check was encashed at UCPB-Aguirre branch last March 19.

Other letters

Consuelo D. Sison, secretary of the Alliance of Quezon City Homeowners' Association Inc., complained about Bayantel's onerous disconnection fees and inconsiderate reconnection policies. She wrote, "If consumers are late in payment, even if it is just a few days, they are fined P550 penalty plus reconnection fee. Meralco charges only P20. PLDT, on the other hand, does not charge late-paying customers. They just call up customers to remind them about their unpaid account."

Mike Silva of mikesilva@yahoo is encouraging consumers to write to him

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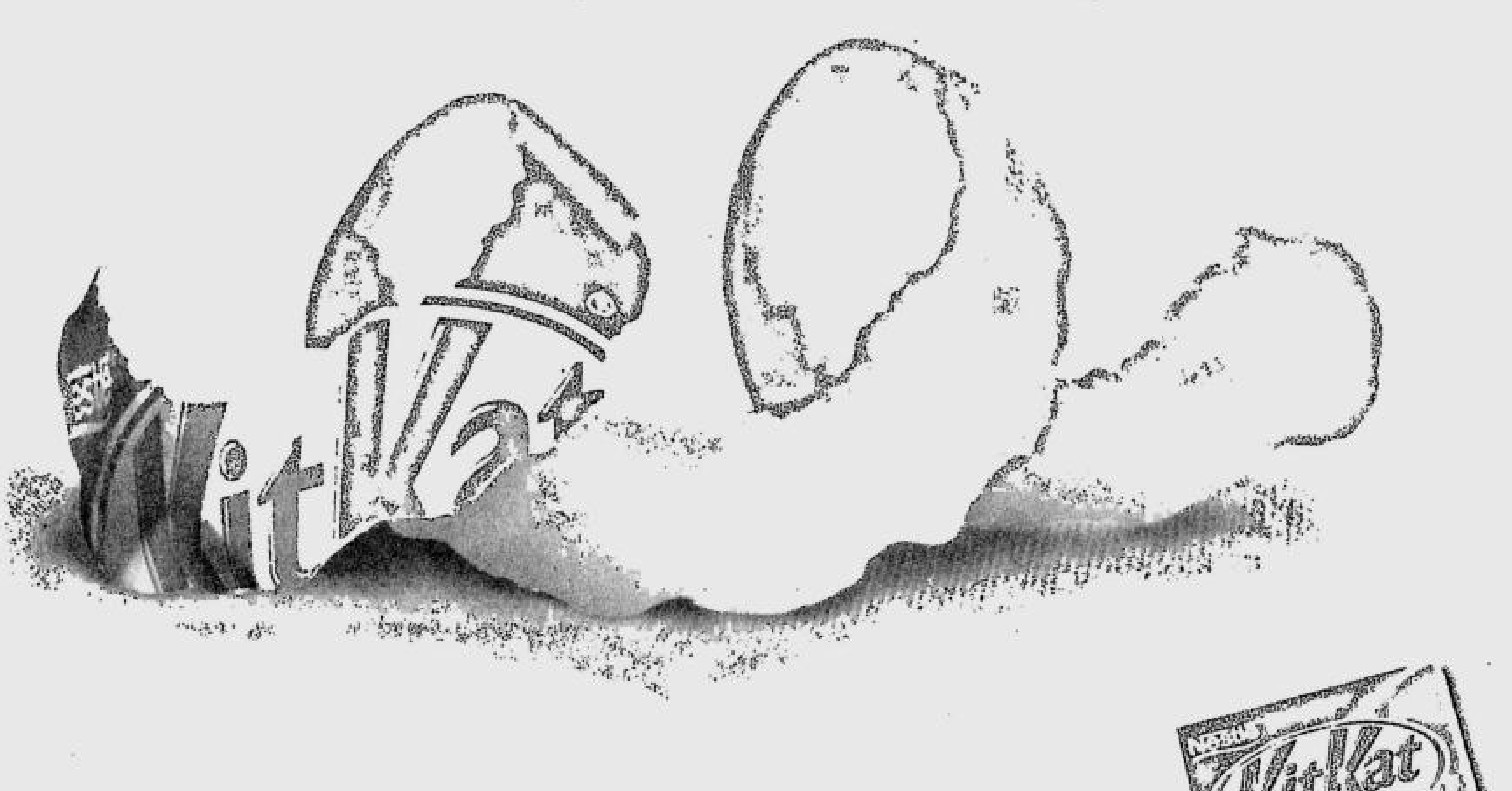

Have a Break. Have a KIT KAT Orange.

Credit card woes, billing and other concerns

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about consumer concerns. "I am willing to share, via e-mail, consumer tips and comments," he wrote.

M. I. Vasallo Jr. wants to know when Roycee Motors of Baliuag, Bulacan, a dealer of Nissan Motor Philippines, will finally have the car part needed to repair the front wheels of his vehicle. "It's almost one year since I started complaining about the noisy rattle on the front wheels of my car because of defective caliper brakes. There are other defects that need replacements. Whenever I call up Royce Motors, the service manager gives me her standard alibi: there's no stock available. I cannot help it if I feel I have been cheated into buying a substandard car."

Jennifer Castillo of Executive Heights Subdivision, Edison Avenue corner West Service Road, Parañaque City, is calling the attention of the municipal solid waste management to the huge pile of garbage that has accumulated somewhere between the Executive Heights and Sunvalley subdivision. "I am appealing to Mayor Joey Marquez to look into the Smokey Mountain in the Parañaque villages, if only for the health of children," she wrote.

Jaime Daroy of jaidar88@hotmail.com reported that there's a high-end restaurant in Cubao, Quezon City, with this notice printed on their menu: "Our prices are very reasonable, thus we do not honor senior citizen's privilege." Daroy wrote: "I myself am not yet qualified to use the senior citizen's privilege, but my concern is encompassing. Are there establishments exempted from the senior citizens law?

(Editor's note: Starting Aug. 8, The Consumer by Marietta V. Giron will appear every Thursday.)

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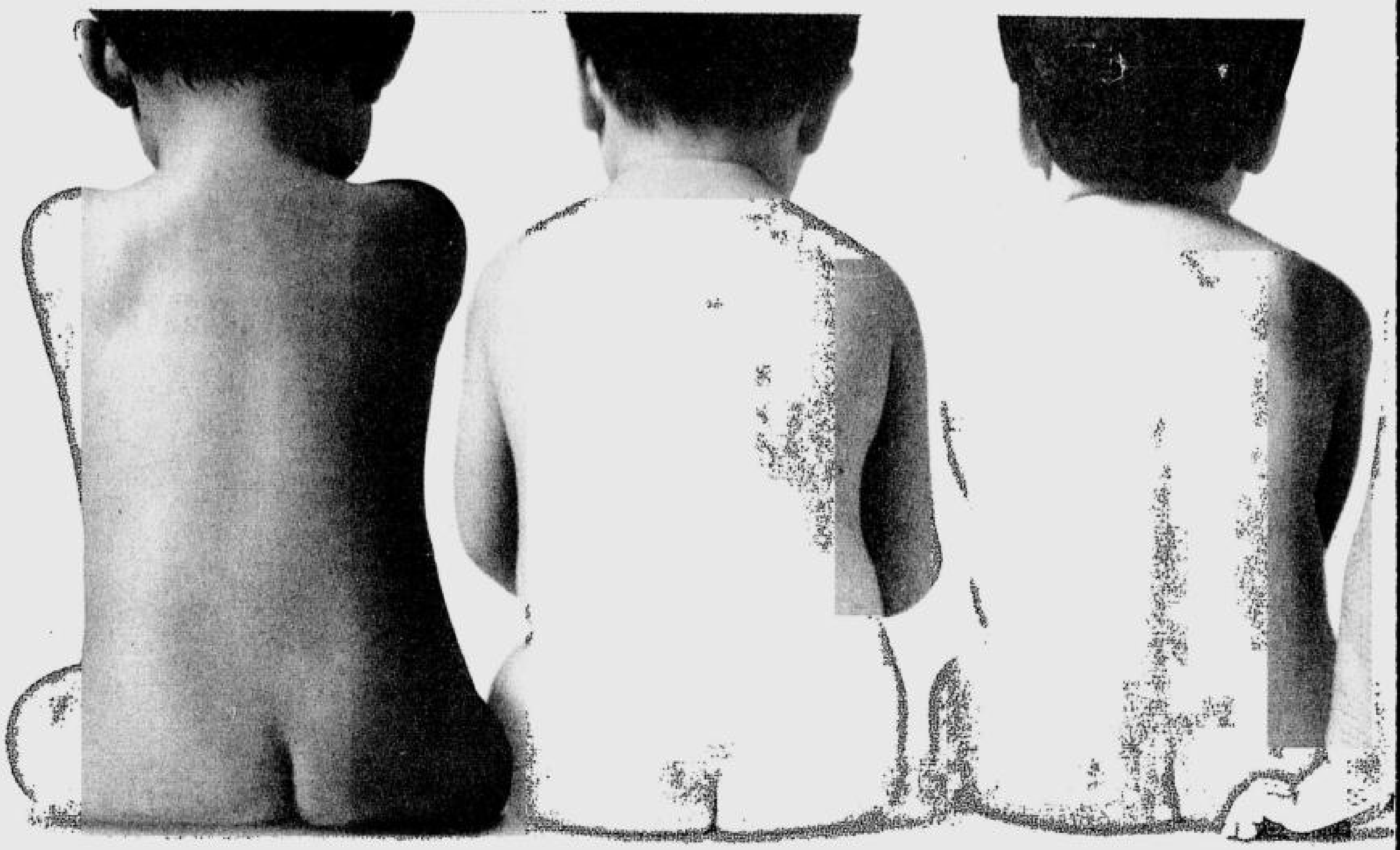

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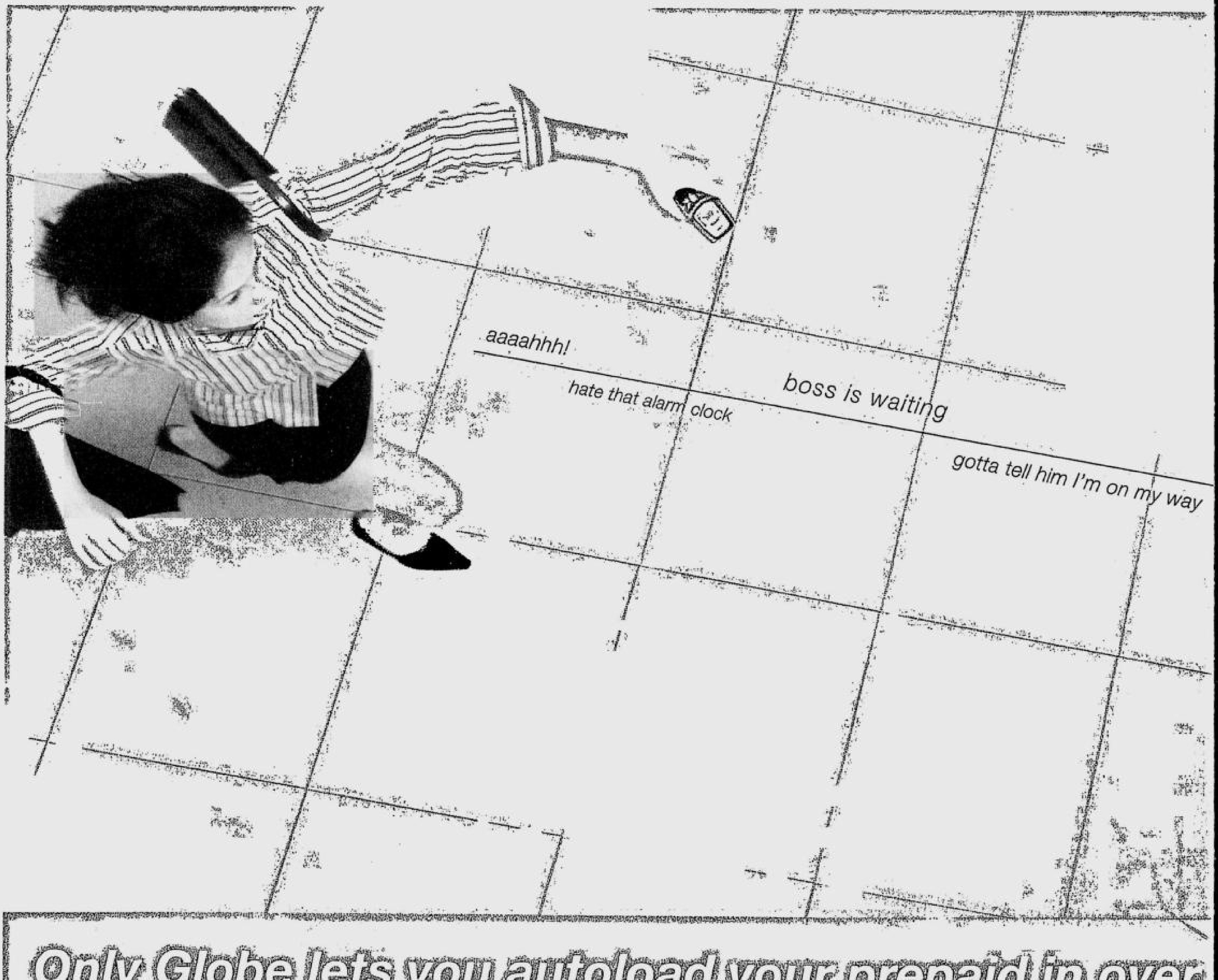

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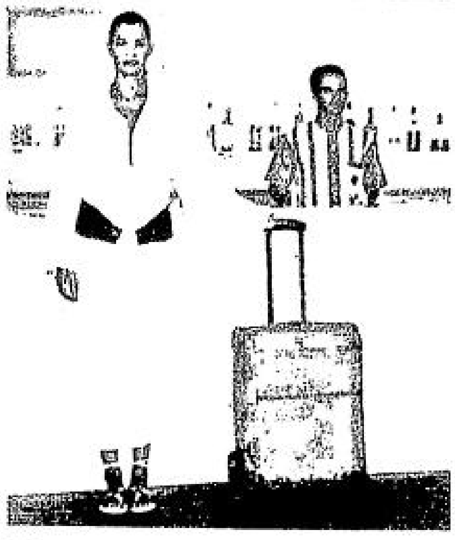

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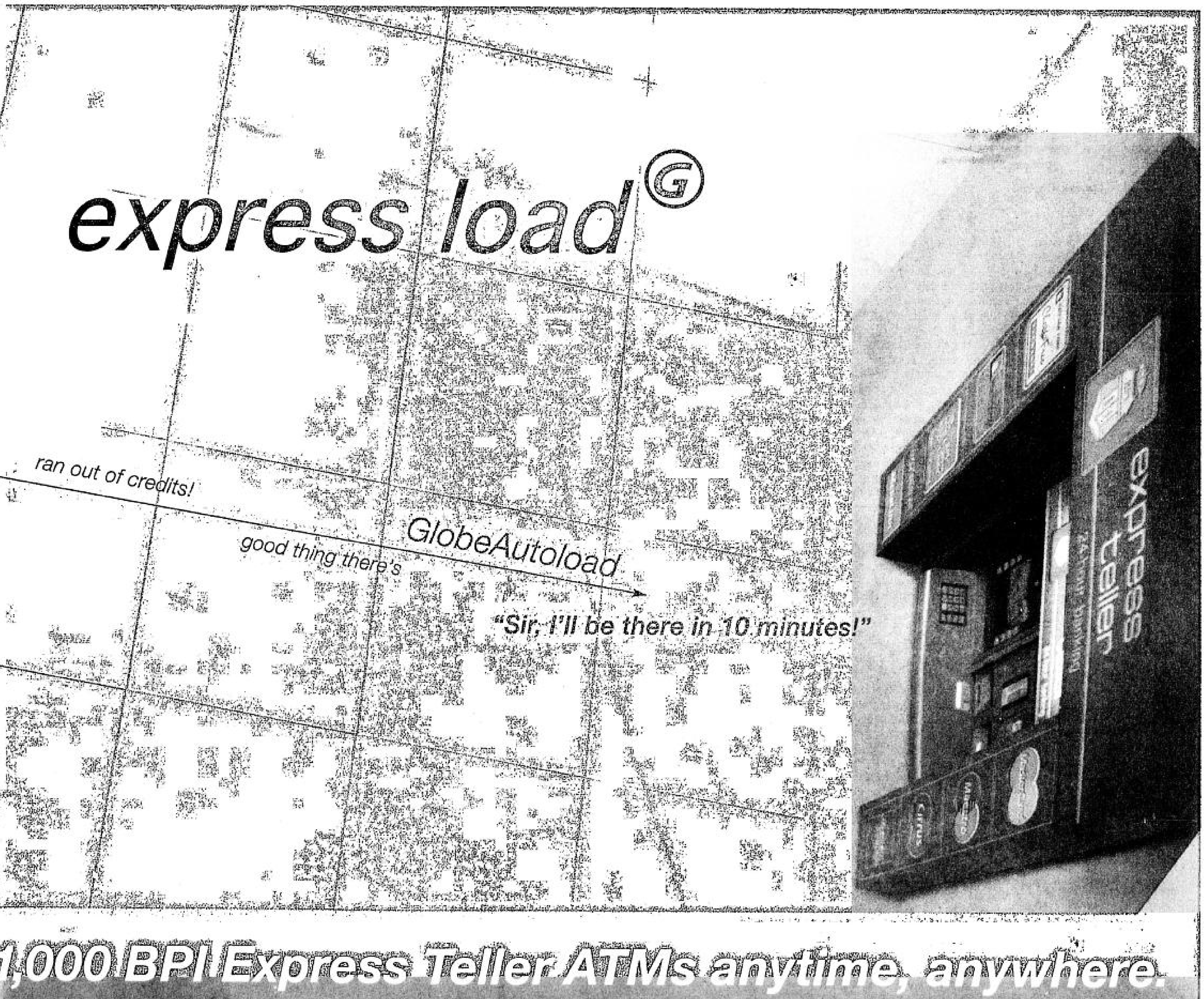
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ULTIMATE. Escada shop at the Shangri-La mall

The Benz of fashion gets a makeover

EVENING wear line

"DESIGNS have taken on a younger appeal..."

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Romy Homillada

MARILOU Pena-Koa

Escada supervises the renovation of its local boutique, which reflects how Manila has become a strong market for the hot fashion house

WALKING into an Escada shop and browsing through its racks is a visual experience. Elegance, a sense of *joie de vivre* and, definitely, luxury and quality, are words that come to mind as you admire the clothes that hang from racks suspended from the ceiling.

Known the world over as the Mercedes Benz of women's clothing, Escada is, first and foremost, known for its bright and rich colors, the exceptional quality of its fabrics, styling and fit, and its painstaking attention to detail.

Founded in Munich, Germany, in 1976 by the late Margaretha Ley, it also boasts of a broad range of accessories—shoes, bags, sunglasses, belts and luxury scarves to complement its clothing line that can see a woman through an entire day, from work to gym to a dressy evening affair.

Unique

Monique Tanner, Escada's area sales director for the Pacific Rim, says "Escada is all about color, and each piece of clothing has details—a zipper, buttons, a slit, a fold—all that is uniquely Escada." Tanner was recently in town to inaugurate the newly renovated Escada shop at the Shangri-La Plaza mall and also to re-launch the Laurel label, which is a part of the Escada group of companies. Side by side on the mall's third floor, the shops showcase the ultimate in women's apparel—both in style and perhaps in price.

The shop, Tanner says, is only a stage for the clothes, though admittedly, both the interiors and the latest Escada line have had a major makeover. "Previously, we had brass and white marble floors that reflected the luxury, elegance and prestige of the Escada range," Tanner explains, "Now, the lines are cleaner, simpler and more modern, and the floor now uses a sandstone finish. There are silver racks (suspended from the ceiling) and the accessories walls are the focal points of both the Escada and Laurel shops."

And since Escada is all about color, that is also reflected in the furniture, such as a plump, red lounging sofa with huge soft pillows in red and gold, and area rugs with subtle zebra prints.

Pleased

The shop here in Manila is only the fifth worldwide to undergo this renovation. Tanner is very pleased with the business here in Manila, and says that in fact, the Philippines is on the same footing as Singapore in terms of sales in Asia. Expectedly, progressive and wealthier countries like Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan take the top four slots in sales ranking in the region.

"Local partners are very important as you cannot build the business from the headquarters (in Munich), and we are quite happy with the way the business has grown here."

Marilou Pena-Koa, who owns the franchise for Escada here in the Philippines, says that the designs have taken on a younger appeal. Koa is especially pleased to have been able to bring in Laurel, which is Escada's younger and slightly less expensive sister line. Koa hopes that Laurel's clothes will appeal to women from 28 and up, who obviously have major purchasing power.

The Filipina who shops at Escada, Koa says, is someone who knows what she wants and has done a great deal of traveling. Escada's clothes appeal to both women at the top of their professions or wives of men in the corridors of power. "It's really a niche market—majority of our clients at the shop belong to the 45 and above age bracket."

Positive

Surprisingly, in spite of the hard times, the shop continues to thrive, though Koa notes a slight change in shopping patterns. "In the past they would come to the shop and buy whenever a new collection comes in and would plan their wardrobe in anticipation of future parties," Koa says. "Now, they come in and buy just before the event itself."

Next year, Escada marks its 10th year in the Philippines, and both Koa and Tanner feel positive and excited about growing the business in the country. "We hope to make a real mark in the accessories line—bags, shoes, belts—in the same manner that Prada or Gucci has," Tanner says.

Another area which they hope to develop in the Philippines is the fragrance and cosmetics line.

If the attendance at the recent grand fashion show at the Shang mall was any indication, it seems that the business does have brighter prospects for the years ahead. That is, if the wealthy women have their way.

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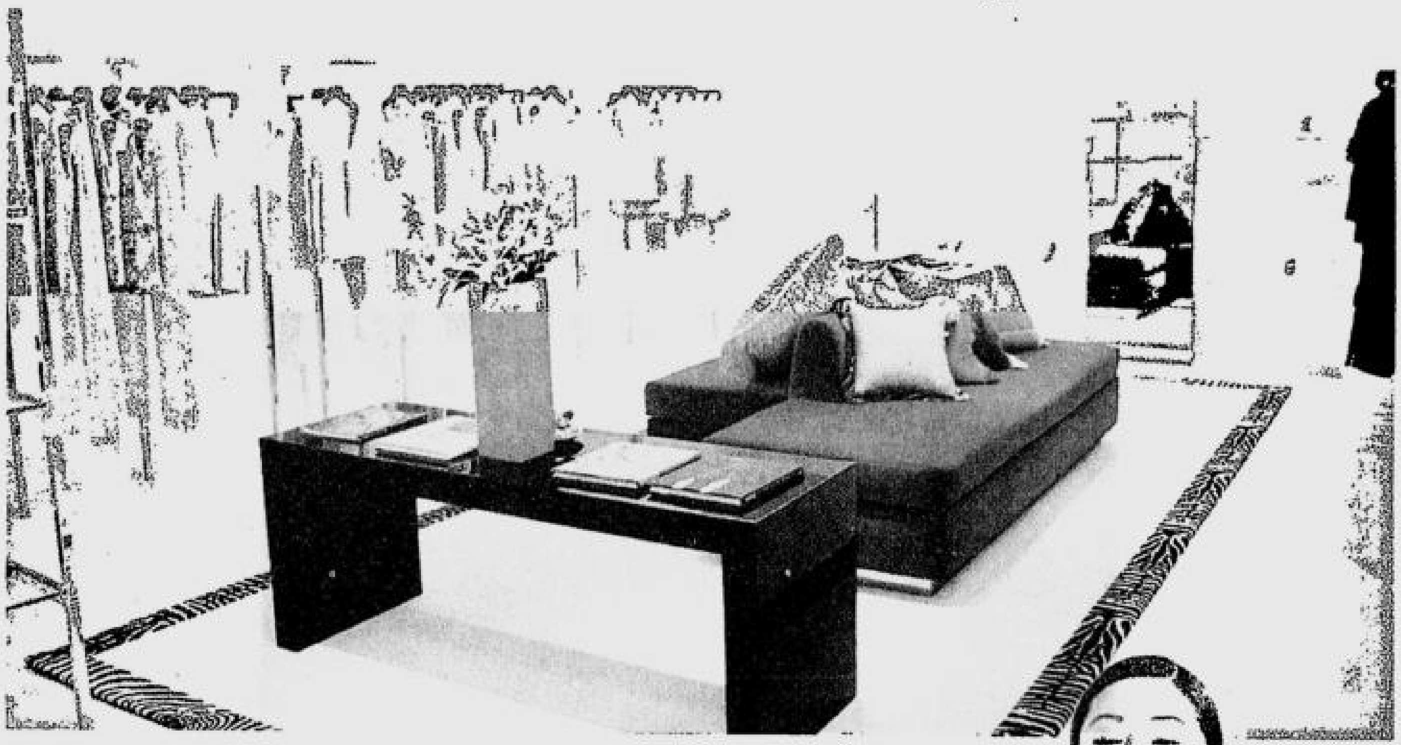

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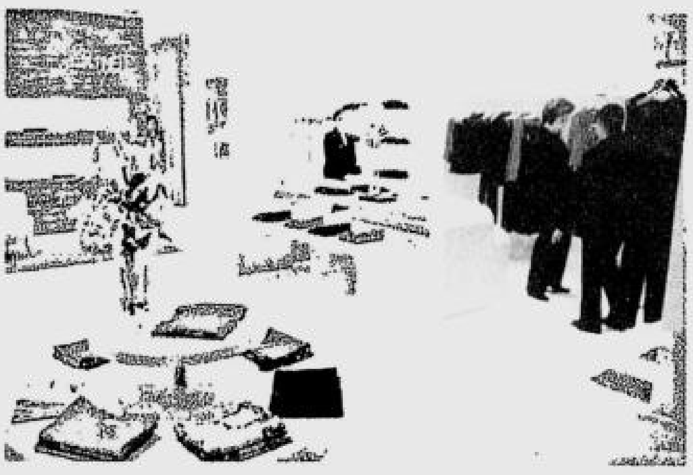
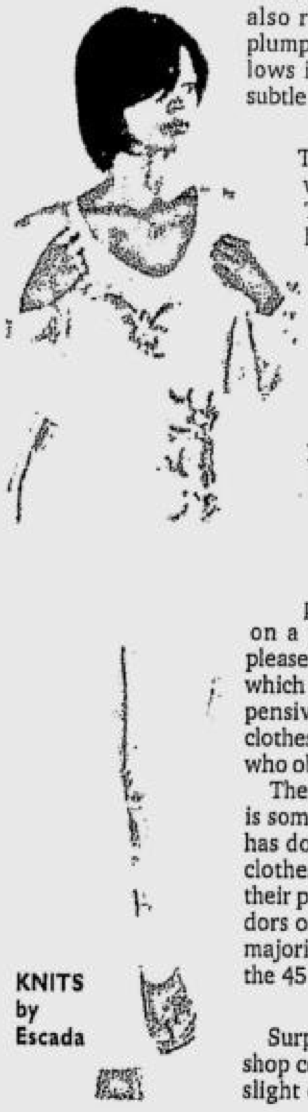


SISTER. Laurel shop at the Shang mall



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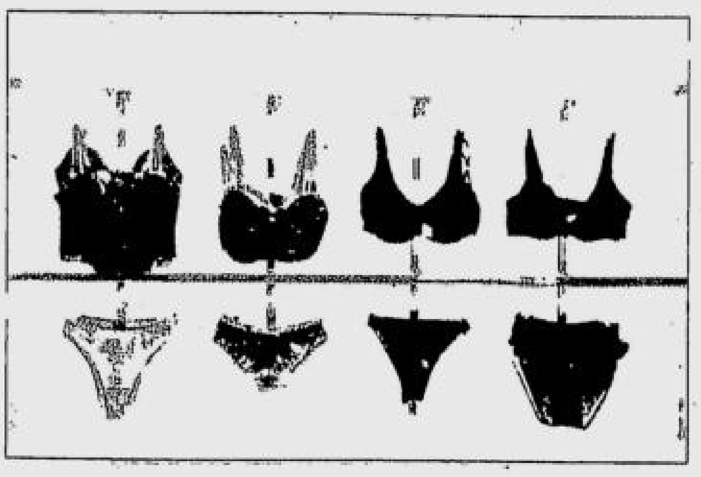

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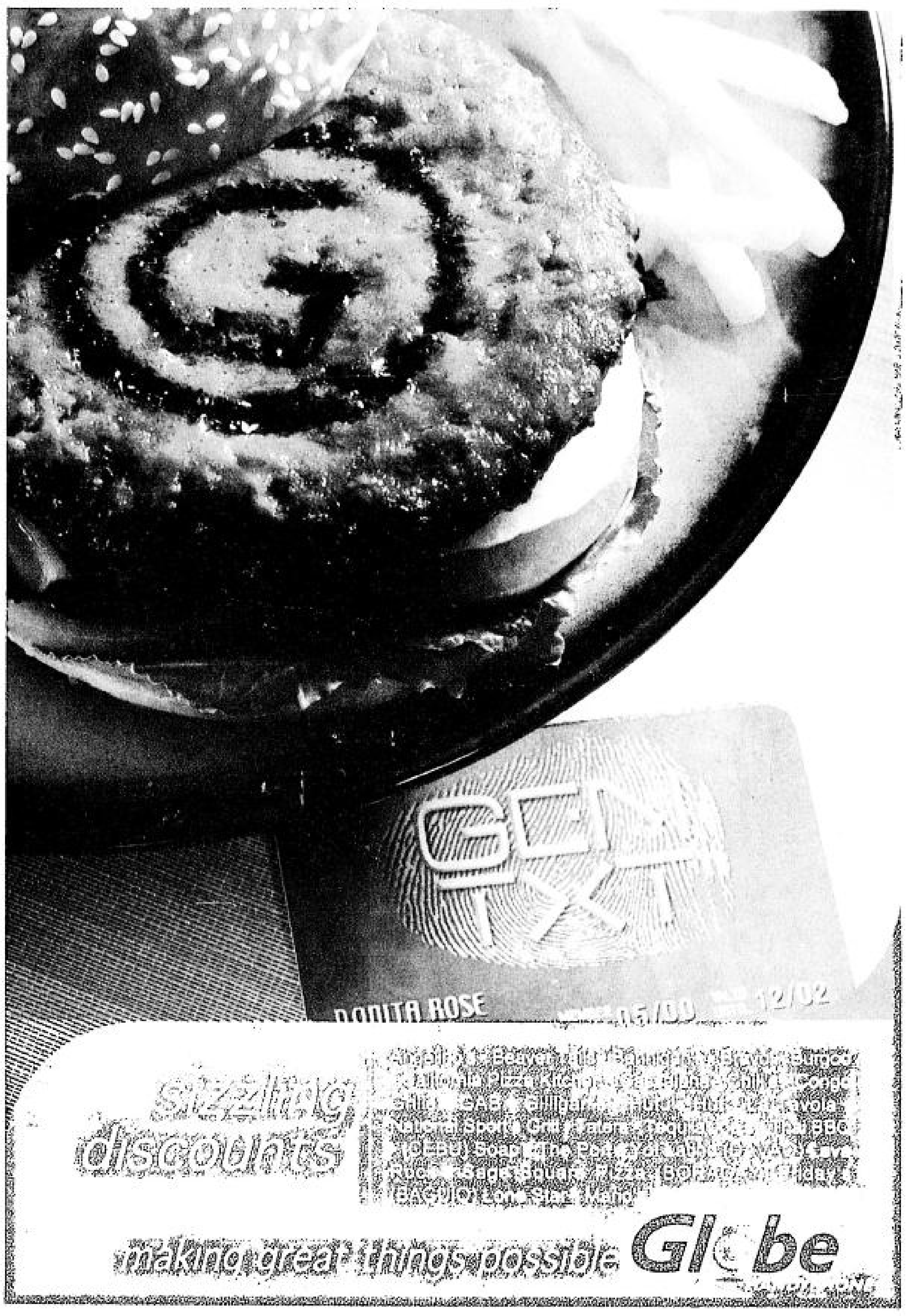

She's in love with someone who's committed to another woman

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Three years ago, shortly after Eli and I met, I learned from friends that he had been asking them what I think of him. About a year later, as we worked together in a project, I found myself having special feelings for him.

I believe that a guy should do the initiative, so I did not do anything to encourage him, but I'm sure my feelings for him showed. But while he has not revealed his feelings for me, and although he's nice to everyone, friends probably see that he's nicer to me, and that's perhaps why they often treat us as a pair.

I never heard Eli or our friends mention that he has a girlfriend, but recently, I learned from his previous co-worker that he has one in his hometown, and they have been together for the past eight years.

The news devastated me. I felt foolish not having paid attention to signs that he is attracted to someone else, before allowing myself to fall for him and letting my actions show it. I cried myself to sleep for two nights. But after that, I felt at peace. I've accepted it as God's will and I trust that He will resolve this, although I don't know how painful the resolution will be. If he chooses his current love, I'll lose him. If he chooses me, I'll be party to breaking her heart, and that is pain I wouldn't wish on anyone.

Right now, I'm trying to avoid him, which is hard because we're working together in a project, and everyday I see a reason to love him even more. So now, my question is—how do I let go of someone I love, without breaking up our work and our friendship?

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If you really have to avoid him, then you would have to sacrifice the project. It might skip a beat when you leave, but full-fledged projects are organized such that they do not crumble when a staff member leaves. As to friendship, it is true it will survive even if you skip town.

But leaving right now will be too rash. In the first place, the info about his girlfriend might be absolute. Or, if their relationship remains strong, you would have been alerted of it during the past two years: he would get phone calls or text messages during office hours, and he'd act like there is someone special on the other end. If you did not see such signs, then she is not that special to him—and Eli is not special to her either.

He has not declared any special feelings for you. That could mean, as you fear, that it is because he will not break up with his girlfriend. But there are other possible explanations: you and that girl might weigh equally in his heart, and he can't decide which one to choose; or he has chosen you, but he doesn't know how to break up with her gently. The point is, your reason is not enough to justify your moving away.

Consider one reality, too: It is difficult to find a man near your age who is still single, or uncompromised, or unattached, and who will be your equal professionally. So, when you come across and fall in love with a man like Eli, you should expect and not be easily discouraged by the likelihood that he, at the very least, has a girlfriend somewhere.

Find encouragement, instead, with the fact that this man is not yet married, or does not have a common wife and children.

It is understandable that you fear the worst. But women in your situation should not let fear run the day. To be fair with your heart, you should be quick to investigate but slow to pass judgment.

Note on China and scholarships

Many thanks to those who promptly wrote in and offered China (PDI, July 26) a scholarship, or pledged to help her look for one. God bless your generous hearts. I have forwarded your e-mails to her.

I receive quite a number of letters asking for scholarship assistance, but I have published only a few, for a good reason; the system is too open to fraud or duplicity. Good-hearted readers could end up sending money to talented con artists. Or, a scholar might end up trapped in an immoral relationship with her or his "sponsor."

Therefore, I choose not to publish such requests, but once in a while I come across one like China's. At the very least, each party should insist on a personal interview or enough time for each other to verify their bona fides.

That is stated not for the two parties to distrust each other even before they meet or before the first check changes hands. It is stated, rather, to make sure that help is given to those who truly need it, and those truly who need help will indeed get help, and not further complications in their lives. Also, may I remind readers that this is an advice column, not a bridge to DepEd and CHED.

Choosing your favorite charity

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donors regularly informed about developments in projects and programs?

2. Accountability. Does the organization take full responsibility for donations, donors and volunteers? Does it use its resources effectively and efficiently, and report to donors regularly?

3. Legitimacy. Aside from being a legal entity (i.e., being registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-profit organization), does it have a constituency that believes in its cause? Does it uphold and protect the interests of the community it intends to serve, or does it advance the agenda of "unseen" political or economic entities?

By taking into account all these factors, you should be able to decide what NGO to support, something worthy of your hard-earned money and/or valuable time.

How do I volunteer or give money?

Contact the organization you have chosen and speak to the fund raising or volunteer officer. The fund raising officer can provide information on modes of payment and how to send the contribution, while the volunteer officer can provide information on positions available and qualifications required.

If you have not made your choice, explore your options online. We recommend, among others: www.iVolunteer.ph and www.idealist.org (for volunteers), and www.lingkodpinoy.org (for donors). Or just keep your eyes open. Organizations often announce openings and needs through posters, print ads and the media.

How do I ensure that my money is being used wisely?

NGOs have different ways of informing their donors about how money is used. Some produce and distribute annual reports; others post financial information on websites. All donors have the right to know how their contributions are being used. As a prospective donor, you can ask for a copy of the proposed budget or a breakdown of projected program expenses. You may also ask for annual reports or even pictures of the work in progress. An effective way to check on how your money is used is to visit the site of the program or project you are supporting.

What kinds of benefits can I get as donor?

Perhaps the greatest benefit is the psychic reward of helping people in need. In a 2001 survey conducted by Venture for Fund Raising, over 90 percent of respondents from Metro Manila said that their primary reasons for donating to organizations were: "A feeling of compassion" and "giving...feels good."

Other tangible benefits you can get from donating to an NGO are deductions from your taxable income, although these are only enjoyed by corporations, professionals or entrepreneurs who donate to NGOs with donee institution status. Such NGOs have been certified by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) and registered as such by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Erratum: In the first part of Q & A on NGOs, we erroneously identified the Ayala Foundation as a non-NGO foundation. The Ayala Foundation is, in fact, an NGO working on social development and cultural projects in the Philippines. Venture for Fund Raising regrets the error.

Future articles of Venture for Fund Raising will provide readers with more information about the non-profit sector and donating to NGOs. E-mail info@.venture-asia.ore, or call 634-8889 to 90.

Concert at the Park features Banda 96 Balintawak

CONCERT at the Park presents the pride of Balintawak, Quezon City—Banda 96 Balintawak—today at 5 p.m. Taking turns at the baton are resident conductor Roberto Oliveros and guest conductor Santiago Yangco. Susan Fernandez hosts this weekly cultural project of the National Parks Development Committee, under executive director Jaime K. Recio and the National Broadcasting Network.

Concert at the Park is aired nationwide over Channel 4 every Thursday at 6 p.m. Directing for television is Villamor M. Paredes from a script by Gie O. Villasor. Federico A. Edos is the executive in charge of the concert project.

Banda 96 Balintawak was founded in 1929 by Istan Islaw Galier. After managing the band for 10 years, Galier sold the band to Maximo Pangyarihan. The management of the band was then passed on to his three children, namely Joaquin, Loreta and Victorino, who helped Banda 96 Balintawak win all band competitions it participated in. It also paved the way to the formation of two more bands—Banda Sarreal and St. Joseph's Band, with almost majority of its members coming from Banda 96 Balintawak. At present, Banda 96 Balintawak is being managed by the youngest son of Maximo Pangyarihan—Victoriano. Maestro Roberto Oliveros continues to wield the baton and acts as trainer and music director.

Banda 96 Balintawak's program this Sunday will be in two parts. First is with Maestro Roberto Oliveros, conducting: Symphonic Marches (John Williams), The Beautiful Galatea (Suppe), Facilita (John Hartman), Symphonic Portrait (arranged by Andrew Lloyd Webber) and Ryan Cayabyab's Kay Ganda ng Ating Musika. Second part is composed of the following, with guest conductor Santiago Yangco: Tripoli (Angelo Dana), Marche Slave (Tchaikovsky), Alpiane Shepherd (Morlacchi), Selections from "Annie" (Charles Strouse) and The Drummer (Martin Chaesis). The two-part program will end under the baton of Maestro Roberto Oliveros with The Army of the Nile.

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Where may I find comprehensive information on NGOs, contact numbers, the kind of services they provide, the kind of people they help, etc.?

Some organizations have published very helpful resources on Philippine NGOs.

The Association of Foundations (911-9792 or through afnational@edsamail.com.ph) released recently the "Philippine NGOs: A Resource Book of Social Development NGOs," which provides information on recent trends in the NGO sector, as well as data on the missions, programs, core competencies, sectoral partners and contact information of some 700 social development NGOs.

The Philippine Council for NGO Certification (715-2756 or 715-2783) also has a directory of NGOs with donee institution status, and information on services and contact numbers.

NEW WAYS OF GIVING

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Unfortunately, there is no umbrella organization or institution keeping track of NGOs in the Philippines, so no single agency or publication could provide comprehensive information about these organizations. However, the country's major NGO networks could give information on their member organizations.

What are the things to consider in choosing an NGO to volunteer for or give money to?

Think about the following:

1. Your values, principles and interests. Support an organization that shares your beliefs, one that you can identify and relate with.

2. Your knowledge, skills, talents, time and personal wealth. These will determine the means, the extent and the amount of your voluntary or monetary contribution.

Once you have selected a particular cause or organization, do a little background-check and look at the following in particular:

1. Transparency. Does the organization readily release operational or financial information to the public, especially to donors? Are

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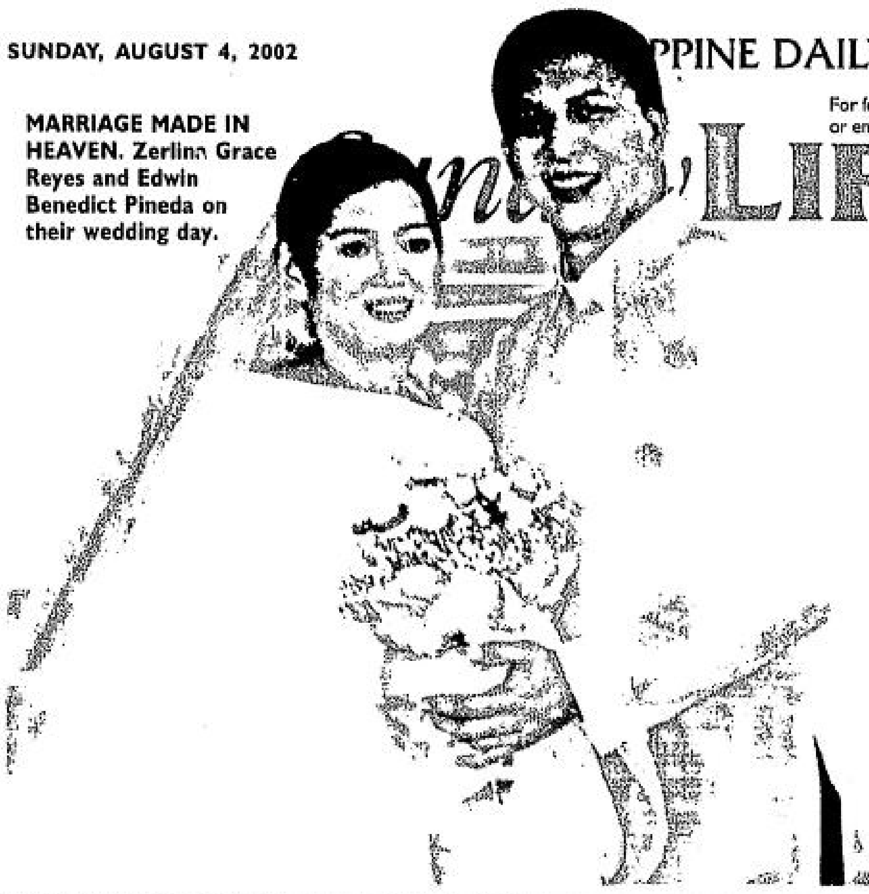

MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN. Zerlina Grace Reyes and Edwin Benedict Pineda on their wedding day.

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By Alex Y. Vergara

THEIR paths first crossed in a quiet church, but nothing much came out of it until they bumped into each other again 11 years later in 1998. Unlike before, the atmosphere during this second meeting was far from tranquil.

Pilot Edwin Benedict "Bennie" Pineda and his colleagues at the Philippine Airlines were fighting to keep their jobs and their future in the face of alleged union-busting practices by the country's flag carrier.

As a show of support, Zerlina Grace Reyes, a flight attendant from Saudia, decided to join the picket line. She wasn't there for Bennie. How could she? She didn't even know if he still existed.

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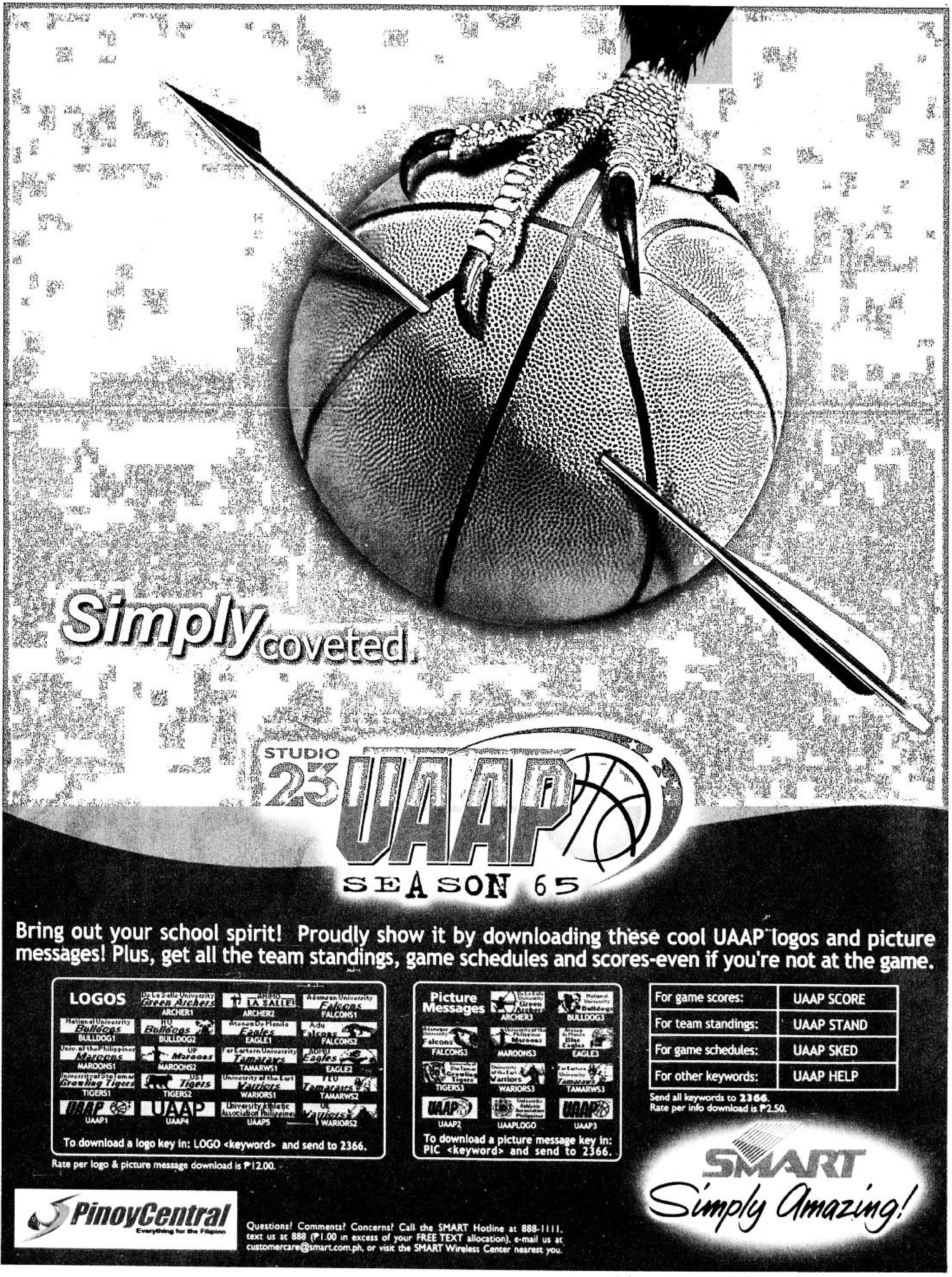

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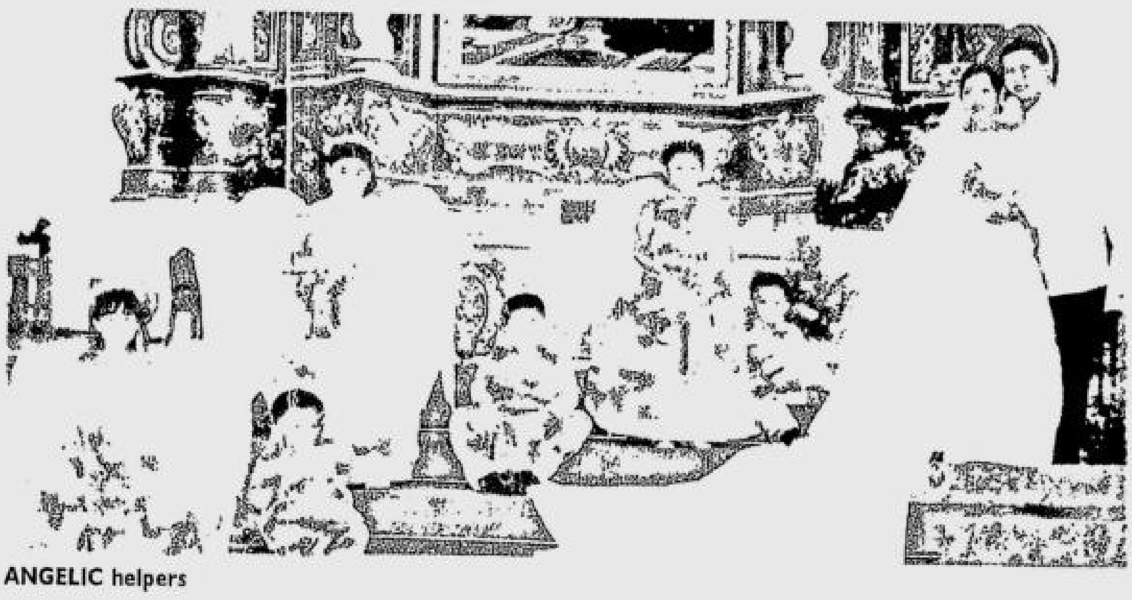
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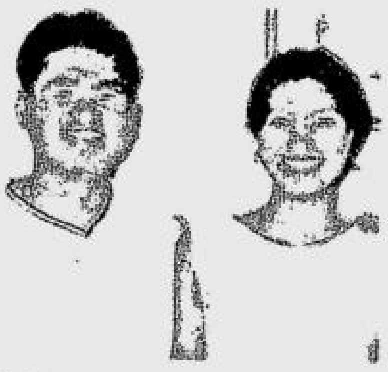

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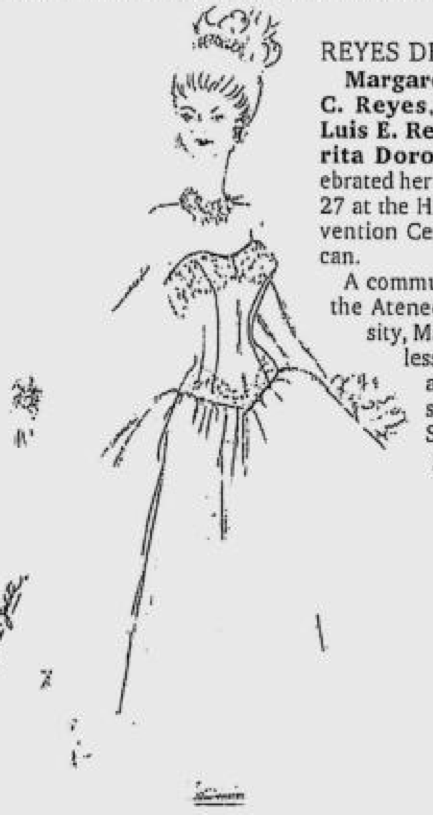

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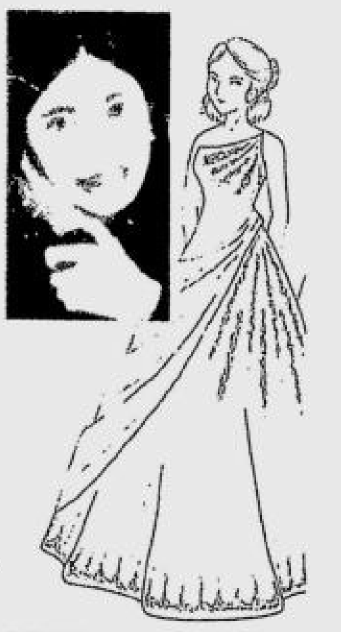

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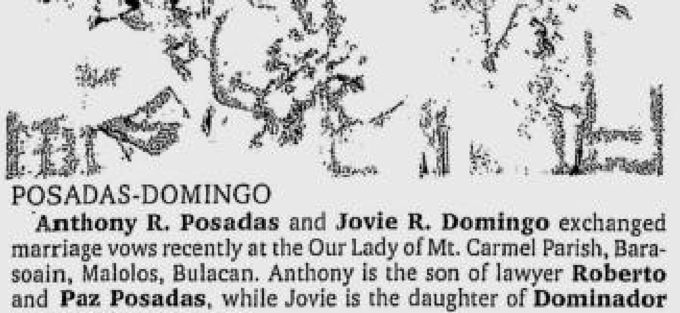

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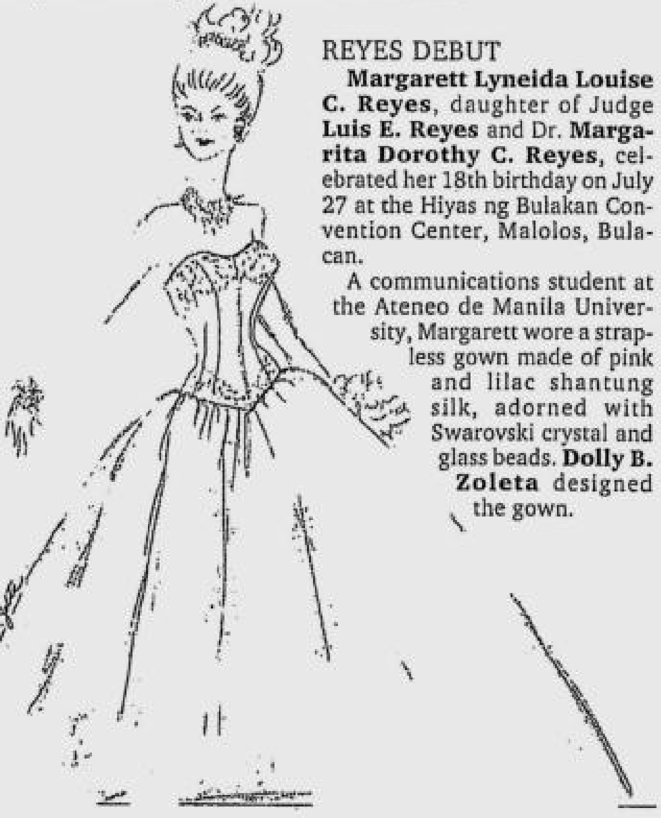

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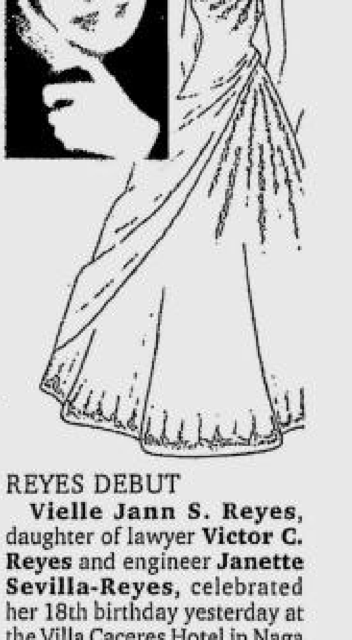
Maritess R. Estrevillo, daughter of Pastor **Joe** and **Bebot Estrevillo**, wed **Rommel B. Dimaliwat**, son of **Danilo** (deceased) and **Josephine Dimaliwat**, on July 7 at the Coconut Palace, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The bride wore a *piña* gown and the groom a *piña* barong.



REYES DEBUT

Vielle Jann S. Reyes, daughter of lawyer **Victor C. Reyes** and engineer **Janette Sevilla-Reyes**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the Villa Caceres Hotel in Naga City.

Vielle, an accountancy student at the Universidad de Santa Isabel in Naga, wore a gown created by **Jo Tuy** of Encore Wedding Specialist.

Bridal event is for grooms, too

A BRIDAL fair with something for both brides and grooms is what "A Bridal Affair" promises to be.

Organized by Magic 89.9 and Wedding Professionals, it will be held from 10 a.m.-8 p.m, Aug. 10-11 at the Manila Polo Club, Forbes Park, Makati City.

The two-day event will cater not only to prospective brides, but grooms as well. Organizers have designed the fair to encourage both brides- and grooms-to-be to look at wedding services together.

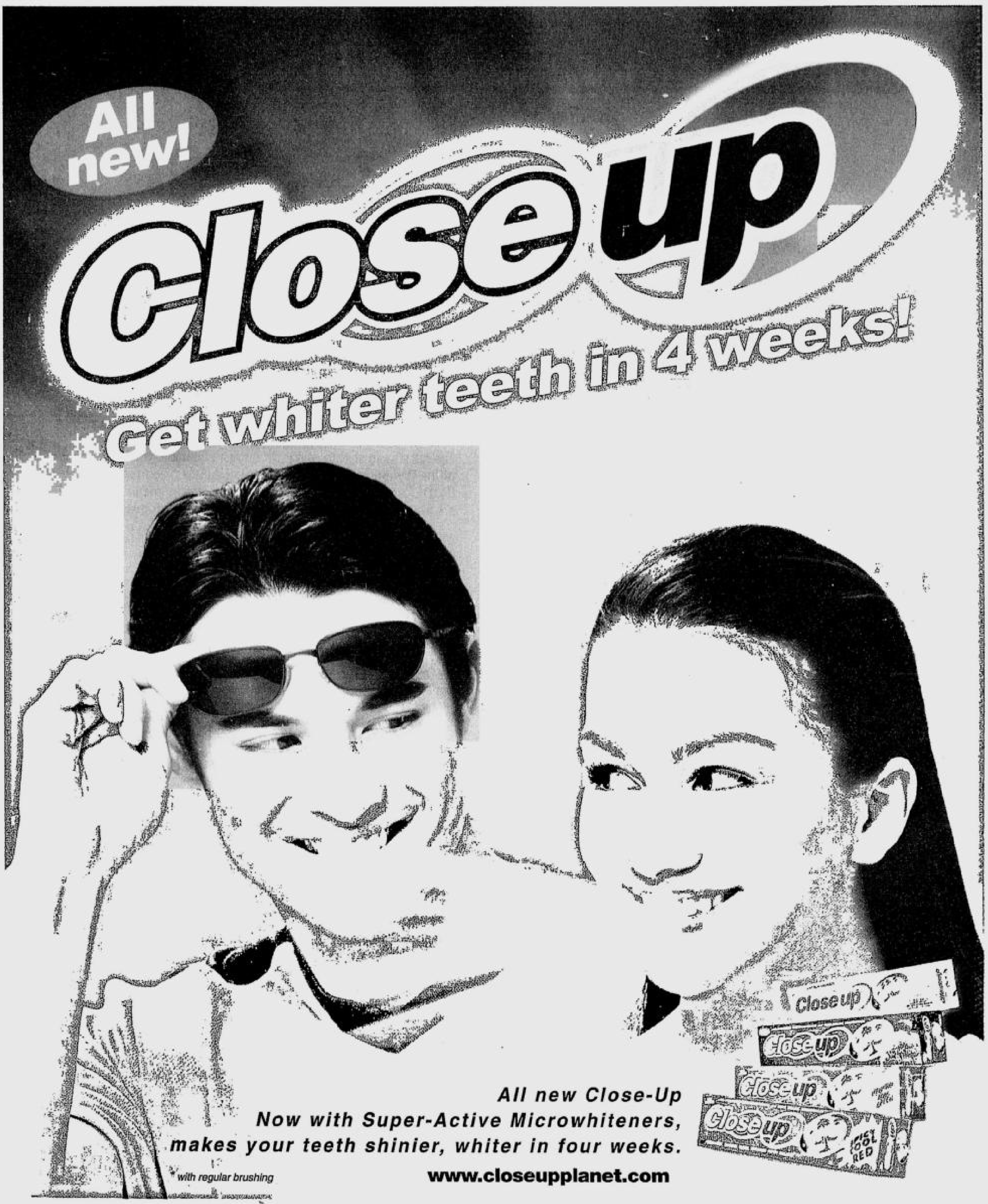
On Aug. 11, guests will have a chance to win gift certificates for accommodations at Grandview in Tagaytay and Maricaban Bay Resort in Palawan, compliments of Maricaban Bay Resorts and Club Paradise Palawan.

Online pre-registration is ongoing at www.kasal.com. For more details, send RADIO 89.9 to 2333 (Globe and Touch Mobile) or 288 (Smart and Talk 'n Text).

Fashion show for a cause

BEN Farrales, in cooperation with Metrobank, restages his much-talked-about golden year gala, "A Fashion Celebration: 50 Years of Ben Farrales" on Aug. 19 at the Makati Shangri-La's Rizal Ballroom.

Proceeds from the repeat performance, which features 150 Farrales creations, will go to the disaster relief operations of the Philippine National Red Cross chaired by active philanthropist Mellie Ablaza. Call Ben Farrales Atelier at 525-3421 and 524-8439, or PNRC, 727-6226, 526-6658, 898-8875 or 813-8888.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DIABETES AWA

Life is Sweet

Minding the Pinoy Diabetic

Parents should start to worry. Dr. Augusto Litonjua, president of the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation (PCDEF), says the number of diabetics are increasing at an alarming rate and are involving younger people.

Dr. Augusto Litonjua

Dr. Josephine Rabocca

First, there's the lifestyle of today's generation (though not the true for all diabetic cases). Children are becoming less active and are eating less healthy foods. They are becoming bigger and younger and this, shares Dr. Litonjua, is "intimately related with diabetes." For those who develop diabetes later in life, there are only two reasons: katamaran and katakawan.

One study that Litonjua cites is the experiment made in Da Qing, China. The community was divided into two groups, those who went on as usual and the group encouraged to take on a more active lifestyle. The former showed to be more prone to diabetes than the latter.

Then, there's the diet. It's not just a sugar issue. The real problem is the inability of the body to produce or respond properly to insulin. "Insulin does not only concern itself with glucose, but also amino acids and fatty acids," says Litonjua, "If you have too much fat in the blood, your sugar goes up, and that causes insulin problems."

To make things worse, there's the problem of cost. Diabetes is expensive. A diabetic is lucky if he is prescribed only one medicine and even that can cost him around P1,000 a month. Usually, a diabetic is prescribed three. And that doesn't even consider the complications.

That is why prevention is key. There are three stages to managing diabetes-- primary prevention, preventing diabetes complications and arresting complications. "The objective is to go only as far as stage one," says Dr. Josephine Rabocca, chairperson of the Diabetes Awareness Program of the PCDEF.

This is where education enters the picture. Awareness is the answer to prevention and proper management of the disease.

PCDEF, one of the country's most hardworking education networks on diabetes, aims to emphasize prevention as opposed to coping with the disease. To educate the general public, a series of lectures have been set up to heighten diabetes awareness in both private & public venues. Free screenings in drugstores are also being conducted to first-degree relatives of diabetics.

To assist in the growing numbers of diabetics, PCDEF has also been training teams of medical professionals specially selected by their hospital chiefs (a doctor, a dietician & a nurse) on understanding and treatment of diabetes. They make sure these teams have a place where they can apply the training given to them. Diabetes clinics are then set up where these teams are based. Already, the foundation is on its 14th batch of trainees.

The PCDEF is even starting young. Together with affiliate organizations and the government, they have taken the diabetes awareness program to the younger set. "We're starting with elementary students," reveals Litonjua, "we begin teaching a more active and healthy lifestyle very early in life. "Diabetes education", Litonjua asserts, "should start where the formation takes place - in school."

"The solution to diabetes is already staring right at our faces," shares Litonjua. "All you need," he adds, "is a healthy diet and a more active lifestyle." The solution sounds simple enough, and hopefully, we realize this just in time.

DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

"Unahan ang Langgam. Paghamon sa Diabetes: Isang Dekada"

July 28-August 4, 2002

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A. KICK-OFF ACTIVITIES :
July 28, 2002
Glorietta Activity Area, Makati City

9:00 a.m.
Fun Walk [From Park Square II parking lot to Glorietta]
10:00 a.m.
Holy Mass
11:00 a.m.
Program/ Awarding of Outstanding Patients
Launching of Original Song
Interpreter: Mr. Chad Borja
Composer: Mr. Louie Ocampo
Free Blood Glucose Testing
Wet Sampling

B. CULMINATING ACTIVITIES:
August 4, 2002
Festival Supermall, Alabang

10:00 a.m.
Holy Mass
11:00 a.m.
Program/ Competition Awarding of Outstanding Patients
Free Blood Glucose Testing
Wet Sampling

C. WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES
Nationwide Screening of First-degree relatives
(Blood Sugar & Body Mass Index) to be conducted
in major drugstores.

DOH BATTLES diabetes

A study conducted by the Department of Health had a very startling conclusion-- 63% of the country's diabetics don't even know they have the disease. This is very scary since surviving diabetes depends a lot on the proper management of the disease.

Without proper management, diabetes can be debilitating, even deadly. In fact, Diabetes Mellitus is already one of the top 10 causes of death among Filipinos. This figure doesn't even count deaths due to complications caused by diabetes.

In response, the Department of Health has formulated the National Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. This is a program aimed at averting the catastrophe that can befall a people ill-prepared to handle the modern-day epidemic called diabetes.

To meet this objective, the program will focus on primary prevention. The DOH will stage an awareness campaign on the prevention of the disease through proper nutrition and a healthier lifestyle. This can also be the venue for undiagnosed diabetics to realize the possibility of their having the disease. For known diabetics, training and the promotion of self-care shall be the thrusts.

Groundwork is currently being laid for these programs to be implemented on a national level. In the meantime, people (especially those with a family history) are advised to have their blood-sugar checked and to adopt a healthier lifestyle to avoid the onset of the disease.

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Working out for diabetics from the international chain of gyms, Fitness First.

There are only three things you have to keep in mind to be able to cope with diabetes successfully: proper medication, healthy diet and exercise. Usually, the last one is the least followed because they don't realize that they need to exercise to burn the sugar in their blood.

Dong Ilyong, National Fitness Manager of the international fitness chain Fitness First, shares some helpful insights on how diabetics can safely integrate exercise into their lifestyle. Of course, it all begins with the recommendations from your doctor. "Health screening is crucial to a successful workout program," says Ilyong.

Getting Commited Flat abs or lower blood sugar will not happen if you don't show up, workout and come back. Ilyong advices, "Once you start the workout, try to block off that hour you committed. Just treat it as you would an important meeting."

Getting Started "Make sure that you have instructors who have been fully oriented with your condition, and are people you can get along with," says Ilyong. "This way, fitness instructors will be your lookout."

The warm-up and cool-down sessions are always given extra attention. The recommended warm-up should be slow-paced and gradual, taking anywhere between 10 and 15 minutes to finish. After the strength training or the exercise proper, it's important to bring down the heart rate to pre-exercise level gradually as well. Cool down should take anywhere between 5 and 10 minutes.

Exercise for Life The novelty of working out wears off after a few months, and that's when exercise turns into a chore. Those who stay for the long haul are members who find the joys of exercising. "It's hard to commit to something you don't like doing," cites Ilyong. If you're not a gym person, try cross training. Alternate your workout days with aerobics, swimming, walking - all these are ideal exercises for the diabetic.

Even health clubs are doing what they can to give members reasons to come back. Fitness First has what they call a cardio theater where they can pop in a movie while working out. Group memberships are also encouraged to make working out more enjoyable.

The important thing is integration. Make it an activity you look forward to and start living the healthy life.

Jeng Jopson (L),Club Manager of Fitness First Makati together with Dong Ilyong, National Fitness Manager of Fitness First

Exercise Reminders for Diabetics:

It's great to feel getting all worked up and out, but the sensible diabetic (and those who are prone to have) takes some precautions when exercising.

1. Always warm-up and cool down.
2. Build rapport with your instructor. Your program needs closer monitoring.
3. Use the proper footwear. Get socks & shoes that will not make you prone to blisters & sores.
4. Watch your feet. Check the in-between of your toes, ankles and soles for blisters before and after exercise.
5. Wear a diabetes ID bracelet that is visible to others.
6. Drink water before, during and after the work out.
7. Refrain from exercises that can strain the feet too much.

Sweet & Sinless

Dulcinea's Diet Cakes

Now you can have that sumptuous carrot cake for only half the usual calories. Serious calorie counters like diabetics and weight watchers– might want to try and check out Dulcinea's recently launched low-sugar treats. "The carrot cake is around 400 calories. By substituting refined sugar with Equal, the calorie count drops by 50 percent," says Dulcinea GM Oscar Sison proudly.

And these heaven-sent desserts taste truly heavenly, almost impossibly luscious for the calories it contains. "The secret is in the icing, where the taste is the strongest," shares Mr. Sison. "You can't scrimp on the sponge either. People will look for the texture and the moistness. It took us months to perfect that," he adds.

"We are witnessing a trend in the Filipinos' eating habits that's been very evident in the last couple of years," emphasizes Sison. "We're talking about the dramatic increase of health-conscious customers." This new demand put Dulcinea back into their kitchen experimenting for several months to whip up sweet treats minus the calories with Equal sweetener.

"People usually think that Equal is just for coffee," observes Ms. Samantha Galicia, Product Manager of Equal. "But you can just log on to our website (www.equal.com) to see how you can use Equal in more than 200 recipes."

So whether you're cooking or buying, dieters and diabetics now have something sweeter in their life. Thanks to Dulcinea & Equal.

(Note: It is still recommended that any changes in a diabetic's diet must be consulted with his dietician or physician.)

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PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING IN CHILDREN

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Helping your family develop nutritious eating patterns that they can follow throughout life is more important than a diet. Family involvement teaches everyone healthful habits and does not single out the child with diabetes and/ or overweight.

Teaching healthy eating practices early will help children approach eating with the right attitude that food should be enjoyed and is necessary for growth, development, and for energy to keep the body running. The best way to begin is to learn more about children's nutritional needs by reading or talking with a health professional and then to offer your children more healthy options, allowing them to choose what and how much to eat.

Your Attitude Makes A Difference

Let your child know that he is no different from the other children and that he is okay despite his being diabetic or overweight, if he is. How children feel about themselves often revolves around how their parents feel about them.

Try not to treat your child differently because of his condition. Treat him as you would if he weren't diabetic. Do not control his food because this could cause a preoccupation with food and lead to overeating. Your child should be allowed to choose what to eat and to regulate how much he eats.

Talk With Your Child

Talk with your child about diabetes to open the lines of communication between the two of you. Encourage your child to share his feelings on this subject whenever they arise. Let him know that you are available to listen whenever he wishes to talk.

Here are some ways to help your child develop good attitude about eating:

- Don't place your child on a restrictive diet. Limiting what children eat may be harmful to their growth and development. To promote proper growth and development, parents should offer the whole family a wide variety of foods from each of the food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid.
- Guide your family's choices rather than dictate foods. Make a wide variety of healthful foods available in the house. This practice will help your children learn how to make healthy food choices.
- Eat meals together as a family, as often as possible. Try to make mealtimes pleasant with conversation and sharing, not a time for scolding and arguing. If mealtimes are unpleasant, children may try to eat faster to leave the table as soon as possible and learn to associate eating with stress.
- Involve children in food shopping and preparing meals. These activities will be an opportunity to know about children's food preferences, teach children about nutrition, and provide children with a feeling of accomplishment. In addition, children may be more willing to eat or try foods that they help prepare.
- Plan for snacks. Snacks that are pleasant at specific times during the day can be part of a nutritious diet, without spoiling a child's appetite at mealtimes.
- Do not use food to punish or reward your child. Withholding food as a punishment may make children worry that they will not get enough food. On the other hand, when foods, such as sweets, are used as a reward, may send the wrong message that these foods are better or more valuable than other foods.
- Make sure your child's meals outside the home are balanced. Find out what foods are served at the school canteen, or pack your child's lunch to include a variety of foods. Allow your child to select from the menu and suggest better alternatives.

Set A Good Example

Children are good learners, and they learn best by example. Being a model to your kids by eating a variety of foods teach your children healthy eating habits that they can follow for the rest of their lives.

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TRAVEL

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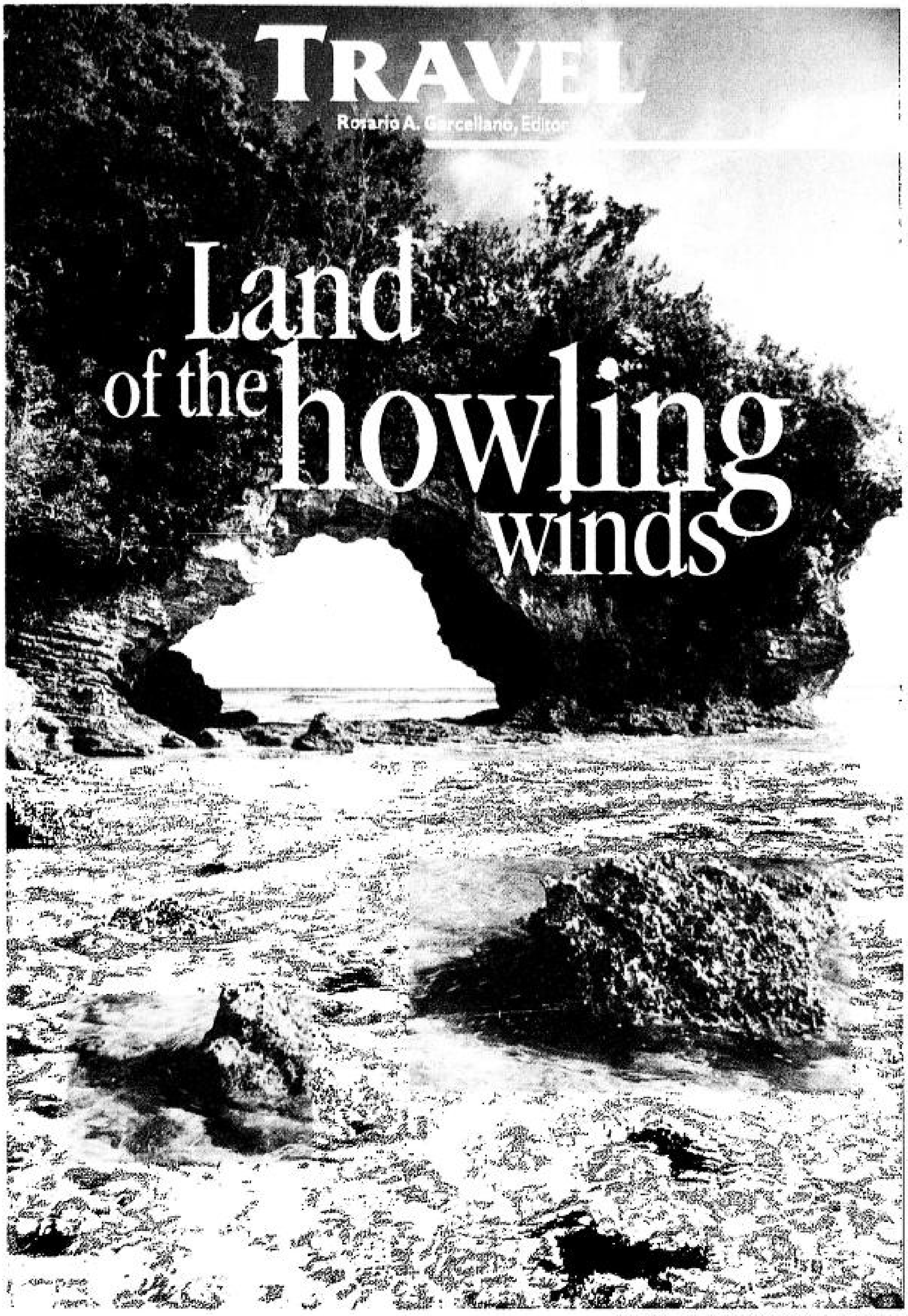
Land of the howling winds



SCENERY to awe the soul

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By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes
Contributor

THEY don't call it "the land of the howling winds" for nothing.

Between the months of November and February, Catanduanes, removed from the rest of the Bicol region and situated smack in the Pacific Ocean, takes the full impact of the northeast monsoon and becomes a wind-whipped, rain-drenched piece of land, sacrificing livestock, crop and human life to mother nature. On average, the island experiences 220 rainy days a year—not much room for a "dry season."

That Catanduanes is totally unprotected within the typhoon belt makes progress difficult, and it remains the second most neglected tourism spot in Bicol. This is how most people—ostensibly through the media—have come to know it.

But what the news doesn't tell them is that this very vulnerability to tropical storms may conceivably be its blessing. And on gentle days, Catanduanes represents a unique kind of paradise: shining blue sky, white and golden beaches, clear waters fit for snorkeling and diving, and caves and mountains waiting to be explored.

The day cannot be more gentle as we lie on a beach—more of a cove, actually, hemmed in by caves on the right and hills on the left—called Rizal in Virac. The sun is radiant but not harsh (the mean temperature on the island is 25 degrees C); the sand is golden and large-grained and, therefore, does not stick to your body and clothes as stubbornly as the finer variety does; and Mt. Mayon rises majestically on the horizon. A warm beer, thanks to the regular power outages on the island, keeps me company—but with the silence and natural beauty all around, I'm hard-pressed to complain about the tepid brew.

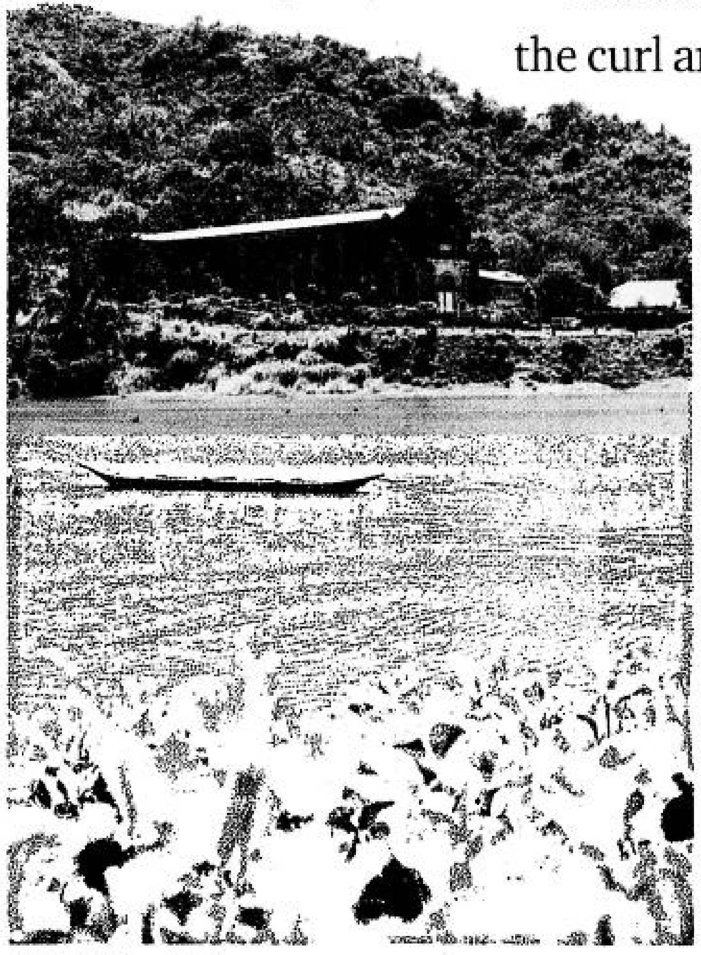
The property we're lazing on belongs to the Co family, which, we understand, will soon be an extension of their hotel service. In the distance is a buoy that serves as a dive-spot marker. Guests of the newly inaugurated Catanduanes Midtown Inn who want a glimpse of the coral reef can arrange for excursions with licensed divers. For families and groups of friends who want to wake up to the sound of waves, an evening barbecue and an overnight stay in the Co cottage can be arranged as well.

The idyllic experience is replicated the next day in Puraran, with slight changes in the topography. (Rizal's seabed is chockfull of coral and rocks, so make sure to wear booties or sandals while in the water. There's no sense spoiling your vacation. But in Puraran, it's sand underfoot all the way.)

We're marveling at The Majestic, the most popular beach in Catanduanes and considered by die-hards a must-go surfing destination. Thirty kilometers and an hour's drive away from Virac, Puraran can give Philippine surfing capital Siargao a run for its money.

At The Majestic, the tube waves are strictly for pros only. Careless novices might end up like the local and Japanese surfers who failed to heed warnings, and whose lives were claimed by a particularly strong undercurrent (a marker on a cliff memorializes the sad event). The turbulent period of October to January is surf season, drawing Japanese, American and Australian surfers and sea lovers to the area. There, they lodge at the only resort on the beach, also called The Majestic, which was developed by a Japanese group. It has around 10 cottages at P350/night and a common dining area (plus: food is served freshly cooked; minus: there's an interminable waiting time).

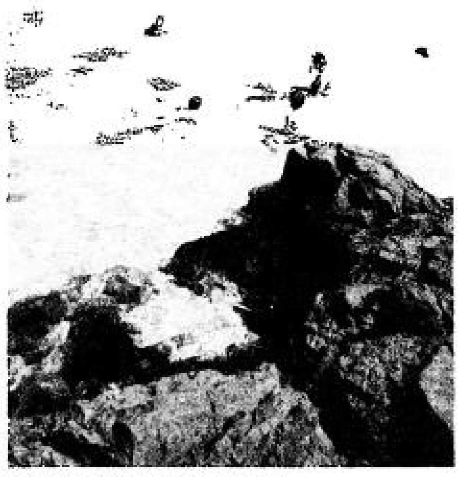
How about sitting in the clear waters for hours, enjoying the curl and froth of the waves?



BATALAY Church in Bato

Some visitors have grown to love The Majestic so much they've been there for months on end. Case in point: a Japanese who asks our guide Ivan Arcilla—local agent of Asian Spirit, diver, mountaineer, surfing competition organizer, and the man to see if you need anything in Catanduanes—if he can be squeezed into a trip to Manila so he can head back to Japan because he's overshooting his visa. Ivan promises him a slot and tells us: "He's been here forever. He's even learned how to speak Bicolano. If he didn't have to go, he wouldn't go home."

That's how addictive The Majestic—or any other beach in Catanduanes—can be for surfboarders and plain bathers alike. While surfers ride the waves in the open area, less inclined folk can choose a nice little spot in the cove at the far end of the beach. There, the waves are broken and tamed against gigantic rocks. One can sit in the clear green waters for hours, staring at the curl and froth of the waves while giving oneself a body scrub with the sand.



SAND all the way in Puraran

"The different beaches are our edge," says Ephraim Antonio "Toy" Gianan, former chair of the Catanduanes Tourism Development Foundation and president of the Catanduanes College (founded in 1937). He says this while showing us a Powerpoint presentation of the island's sites and scenes—slides of body after body of water, from beaches to waterfalls, with various recreational activities to offer.

For example, white-sand Igang Beach in Virac is also ideal for both board and wind surfing, limits swimming to designated areas, but has caves and coral formations for the snorkeler. Should one want to try spear fishing, Marilima Beach is recommended. And the waterfalls in Maribina and Binauhan are said to be perfect for picnicking, swimming and nature treks.

"Catanduanes is ideal for eco-tourism," says Gianan. "Some people have the wrong notion of development, like building concrete roads or bridges. We in the foundation discourage half-hearted developers—those who build resorts then leave them hanging. You have to be careful with these things."

According to Gianan, projects with low impact on the environment and that educate the locals and visitors on environmental conservation are what the island should maintain.

Indeed, the island's biggest drawback—its rawness—can be its strongest appeal. Catanduanes actually has a curious mix of sleepy-town innocence and progress lurking in the backroom. There is no nightlife—no cinemas, discos, or red-light district—and, as my photographer and I can attest, it is perfectly safe to go out in the dead of night in search of an open *sari-sari* store for beer. (We did find one—on Surtida Street, a stone's throw away from the inn.) There, nightlife equals videoke—great if you've got a voice like inn general manager Carina Co's, a bummer if you've got one like mine.

On the other hand, Catanduanes enjoys Internet access and IT capability, even boasting a free Internet service, CatNet, put in place by Rep. Jun Verceles and Gov. Leandro Verceles, and a Cisco Networking Academy in Gianan's Catanduanes College. There is space for investment opportunities, not in big industry because the island has none, but in agri-fishing, farming, any aquamarine resource business—and, get this, satellite and cable connections.

Seemingly backward Catanduanes is also home to weavers of a world-class fabric, commissioned and developed by fashion designer Dita Sandico-Ong in collaboration with loom-maker, weaver, pastor and all-around good guy Billy Apanti. We stopped by his house *cum* weaving factory *cum* nursery school *cum* chapel in Baras, where 25 looms are cramped together on the first floor. There, his daughter Athena showed us the first samples of an elegant raw fabric called "banana silk."

With the largest (60 percent) timber area in the whole region, Catanduanes has an abundant abaca crop. Even the tropical storms are cooperative in their cultivation of the *tres* generous tree, felling virus-stricken crop instead of leaving the locals with no recourse but *kaingin*. That this mini-industry with vast potential is tapped and supported only by Sandico-Ong (she's also helping them with a grant from the Philippine Business for Social Progress for a new building) is notable. Not only because of her penchant for developing small weaving communities throughout the country but also because the low-key partnership is so in line with Catanduanes' reserved character. It's not because the island *can't*, but almost as if it's wary to, take center stage, to claim stardom amidst its more accessible neighbors.

Perhaps this quality can be attributed to its past, in which events bred a culture where furtiveness and guardedness were needed to survive. The island's earliest settlers were "the scions of 10 Bornean datus from Panay." They lived in relative peace until 1573, when the Spaniards led by Capt. Juan de Salcedo came in search of local pirates who made their route between Camarines Sur, Sorsogon and the western part of the island. Along with the conquerors came the friars, who Christianized the natives (Batalay Church in Bato was built to commemorate this).

This gave the Moros from Mindanao more reason to raid the vulnerable island. Most of the written records of Catanduanes' history—the oldest document is dated 1755—were wiped out during those raids.

During the American regime, which only lasted until 1934, most of the insurgents fled to the mountains. Guerrilla activity increased during World War II (because of its location, Catanduanes played first host to Japanese observation points and navy and army camps). Liberation came in October 1946, when Commonwealth Act No. 687 was enacted to create the island as one of the six Bicol provinces.

The pirates and guerrillas are gone, and so is the caginess—but the reticence remains, such as in Gianan's and his foundation's cautious but surefooted plans for the island. You'll feel it as you disembark at the airport—a no-fuss structure where flights to and from Manila happen only in the morning, leaving time for the employees to attend to other things the rest of the day. Even the capital Virac is shy and sleepy.

Atop the Radar Station in Barangay Buena Vista—which provides an arresting bird's eye view of Baras, and sky, mountain and sea—perhaps the "howling winds" will whisper it in your ear as well: You may live here your whole life, but you'll never fully know Catanduanes—its history, all its caves and crannies, its potential.

And you won't read or hear it in the news either.

For flights to Catanduanes, call Asian Spirit 851-8888 or 851-1794-95. Or take a 10-12-hour bus ride to Legazpi and a one-hour ferry ride to the island. For reservations at the Catanduanes Midtown Inn, call (052) 811-0527, fax to (052) 811-1526, or e-mail catmidinn@yahoo.com.

TRAVEL BRIEFS

13th travel fair

THE PHILIPPINE Tour Operators Association invites participants to the 13th Philippine Travel Mart (PTM) set on Nov. 22-24 at the SM Megatrade Halls 1-3.

In a statement, Philtoa president Felix Christopher "Perry" Alegre said last year's 12th PTM chalked up unprecedented exhibitor participation, visitor attendance and sales volume, with a total of 41,759 buyers and a 68-percent increase in exhibitor booths.

This year's theme is "Breaking the Barriers to Sustained Growth in Philippine Tourism," to emphasize the need to collectively make significant strides in tourism marketing, promotions and development.

The 13th PTM will also feature a bigger national costume contest, its traditional cultural presentation competition, a tourism essay competition, a national chorale competition and a tourism quiz. Mini-competitions like a lantern-making contest will be held alongside special events.

Booth reservations have been made as early as April. For inquiries, call the 13th PTM Management Team at 687-7704 and 687-7794.

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SINCE US entrepreneur Kemmons Wilson opened his first hotel in 1952 in Memphis, Holiday Inn Hotels and Resorts has led the mid-market hotel sector with over 1,600 properties globally and 87 in the Asia Pacific.

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The package offers foreign and Filipino guests standard room accommodations for $62.50+ a night. Guests will receive a surprise gift and complimentary access to selected sports and recreation facilities. Those who book for four consecutive nights can have a fifth night for free.

The package is valid until Sept. 30. Call (045) 599-8000, (02) 845-1888, toll-free 1-800-1888-3800 (reservations only) or e-mail hircf@comclark.com.

'Buy I take I'

FOR THE MONTH of August, Causeway Tours is offering "Buy 1, Take 1" tour packages for the best destinations in Luzon.

Choose from these weekend trips: an overnight stay in Zambales that includes a Subic tour (Aug. 10-11), the Grand Ilocos tour that takes you from Vigan all the way to Pagudpud (Aug. 16-18); the Cagayan Valley Region adventure that includes a visit to Our Lady of Piat (Aug. 23-25); or the Banaue Tour that covers Bontoc and Sagada (Aug. 30-Sept.1).

Fees cover deluxe private transport, hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, tour-guide services, hot drinks on board, and entrance fees. Call 851-7294, 853-8728, or 0916-3963963.

Lifestyle packages

FRASER Place Manila is offering lifestyle packages to provide long-staying residents the additional amenities of home.

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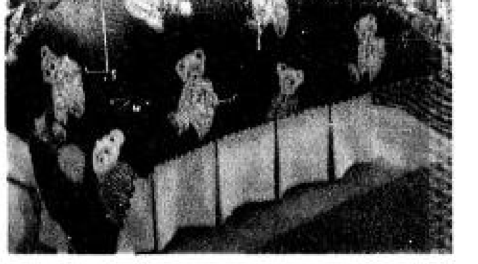

NIGHTY-NIGHT at Fraser Place Manila

Cebuanos 'invade' Canada for wedding

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Jaime Picornell

CANADA'S honorary consul in Cebu, Robert Lee, and his wife Ana, frequently travel to Toronto in Ontario, where they have a home and where their three daughters reside. But the trip last June was special as it was for the wedding of their daughter Ranee to Wilson-Leung, son of Jonathan and Grace Leung, also residents of Toronto. Ranee is a product designer and Wilson is a worship pastor in a multicultural church.

The wedding was held at the Liberty Grand courtyard. Reception followed in the Governor's Room, a monumental old building restored recently and transformed into a popular venue for conventions and special events. Also at the wedding were Ranee's sisters Aileen, who has a beautiful singing voice; and Ainee, who came with her husband Floyd Esparaz and their children Alyssa, who was flower girl, and baby Jonathan.

There was a large Cebuano presence led by the Philippine Ambassador Frank Benedicto and his wife Leontina, who drove from Ottawa, and Dr. Jose "Bebe" Barba, who came from Saddle River, New Jersey. Former Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines John Treleaven and his wife Beverly also came all the way from Saskatchewan.

Ranee and Wilson flew to Singapore for their honeymoon. They also spent several weeks in Cebu where Robert and Ana hosted a grand reception for them at the Visayas Ballroom of the Cebu Plaza Hotel. Many prominent Cebuanos attended, as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

A few days later, Canada Day was celebrated at the Visayas Ballroom hosted by Ambassador Robert Collette. During the brief program, Ambassador Collette spoke of the enduring ties between the Philippines and Canada, and about the large Filipino community in all Canadian provinces. Some Filipinos, he pointed out, were holding high positions in government.

Cebu City Vice Mayor Mike Rama gave the response and led the toasts. Also present were the city's dazzling First Lady, Margo Osmeña, and Christopher Daniel, public affairs officer of the Canadian embassy who arrived two days earlier.

Robert and Ana Lee were gratified by the large crowds of students that attended two film showings of a Canadian film in French with English subtitles. Part of the Canada Day observance in Cebu, the film showing was held at the theater for the performing arts within the Ayala Center of the Arts Council, which cooperated in the activity.

Singapore food fest

WINGLIP and Pinky Chang, Earl and Jojo Kokseng, and Jun and Christine Pelaez, hosted the opening of "Surprising Singapore." The food festival featuring Singaporean cuisine at its best was held at the Grand Majestic restaurant, in cooperation with Rasa Marina, the restaurant the couples own in Mactan that specializes in this kind of food.

Regional director Nelia Navarro of the Department of Trade and Industry led the guests of honor, which also included Singapore's Ambassador Jacky Foo, his wife Dr. Su Yumian, Philippine Ambassador to Canada Frank Benedicto (his first diplomatic posting was Singapore), and his wife Leontina, Turkey's honorary consul in Cebu.

Also present were Keppel Shipyard's Ho Kuen Loon and Royal Winds' Jimmy Go and Bryan Cobonpue. They represent Singapore Airlines and Silk Air, which has daily flights between Singapore and Cebu. Everyone had second, even third, helpings of the excellent food, especially the Hainanese Chicken.

American favorites

ANOTHER food festival, this time with an American theme, was held at the Garden Café of the Cebu City Marriott Hotel on July 4 to mark Philippine-American Friendship Day. Rodion Rojas, who heads the Deparment of Foreign Affairs office in Cebu, and the United States consular agent in Cebu, John Domingo, cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Marriott's general manager, Christmas Wasfy, invited some friends from the media to the opening. We had a merry time sampling the salads, the fine roast beef and turkey, and excellent California wines. Dottie Viajar Wurgler, food and beverage manager, as well as marketing director Carolyn Blanco de la Cruz and PR assistant Dollie Bello, were very solicitous.

On with the show

IT was a rainy night, but the opening of the Ilonggo Food Festival at the Lantaw restaurant of the Cebu Plaza Hotel went on. A colorful contingent from La Paz High School in Iloilo that won first prize in the recent Dinagyang Festival's parade was there and, by some stroke of luck, the heavens stopped pouring.

Zenaida and Ben Yapjoco (he is the president of the Katilimbang Hiligaynon of Cebu) and Dawn Roa, the Department of Tourism's regional director, cut the ribbon.

Acting as perfect hosts were the hotel's general manager, Randy Baron, F&B director Danny del Rosario, and PR manager Aissa de la Cruz, who said the next food fest at Cebu Plaza might have an international flavor.

MARRIOTT'S F&B director Dottie Wurgler and Chinggay Utzurrum

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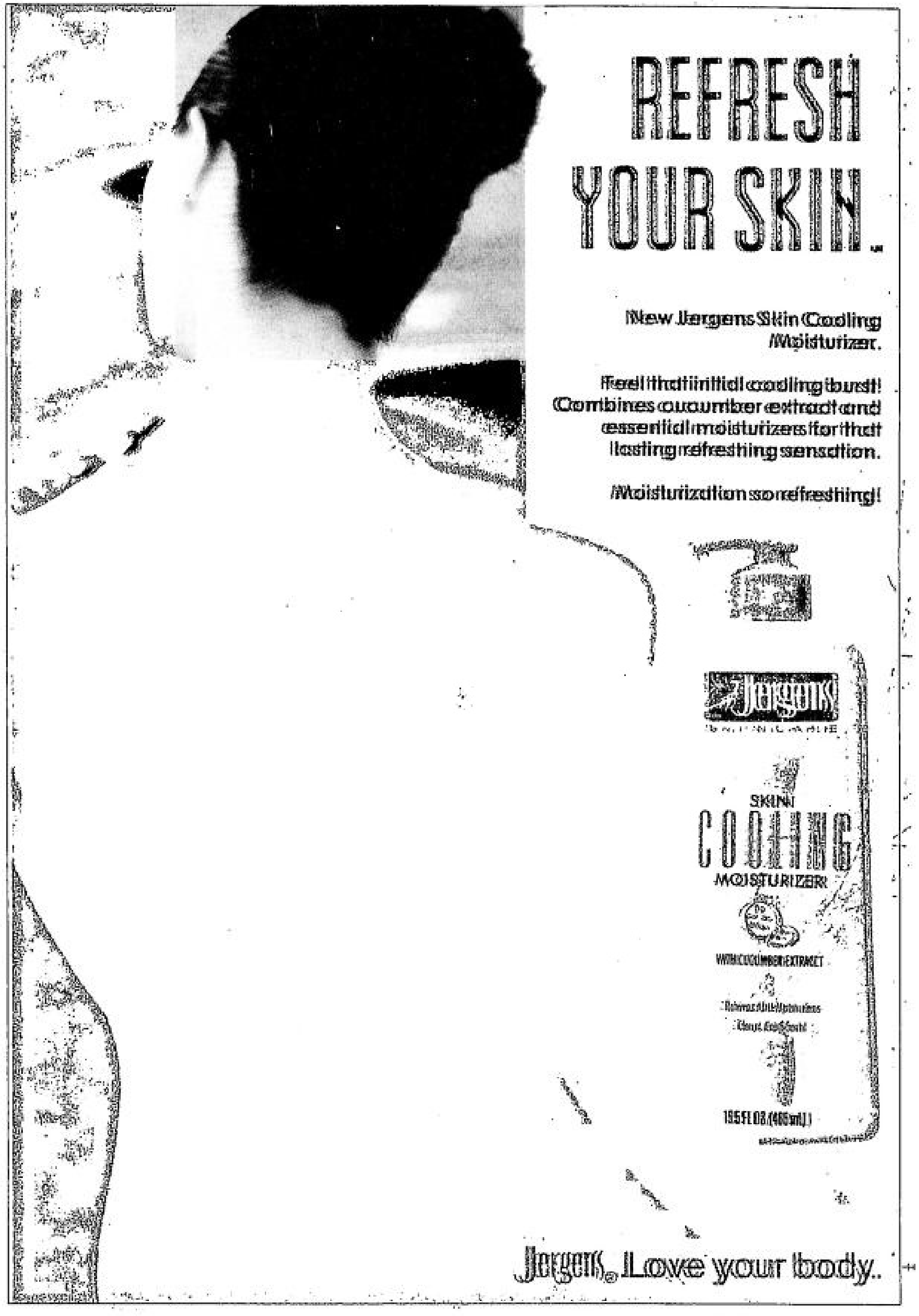

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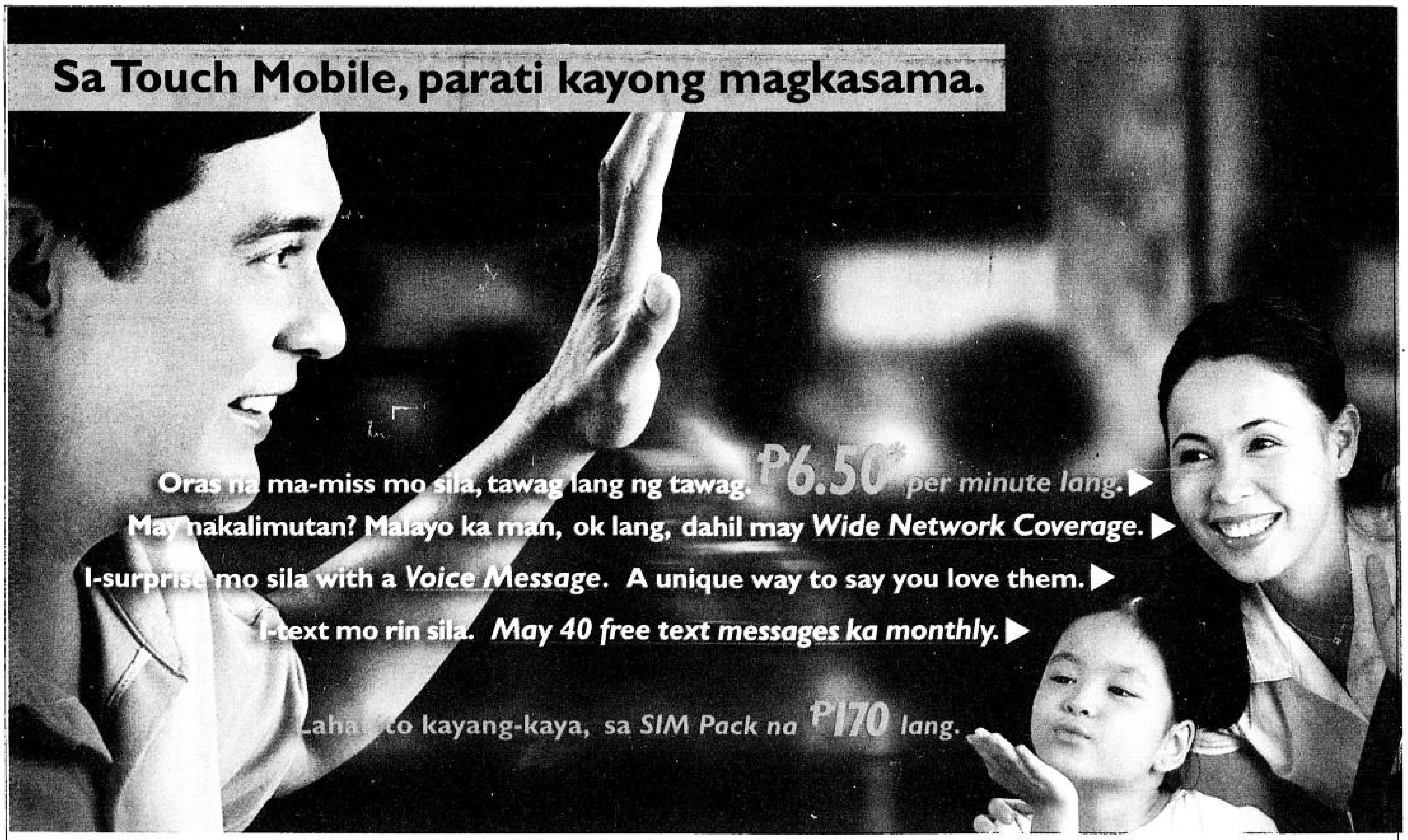

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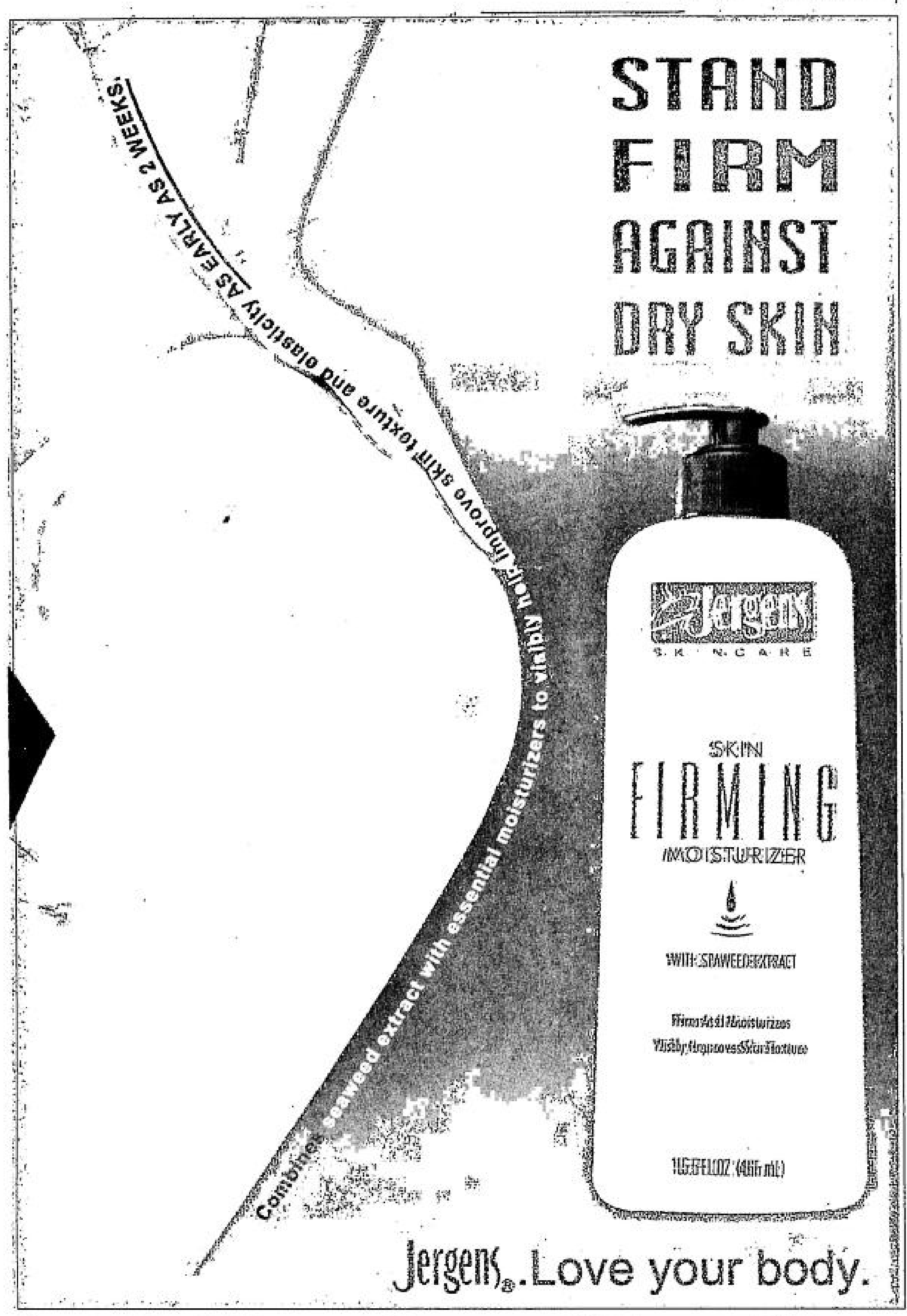
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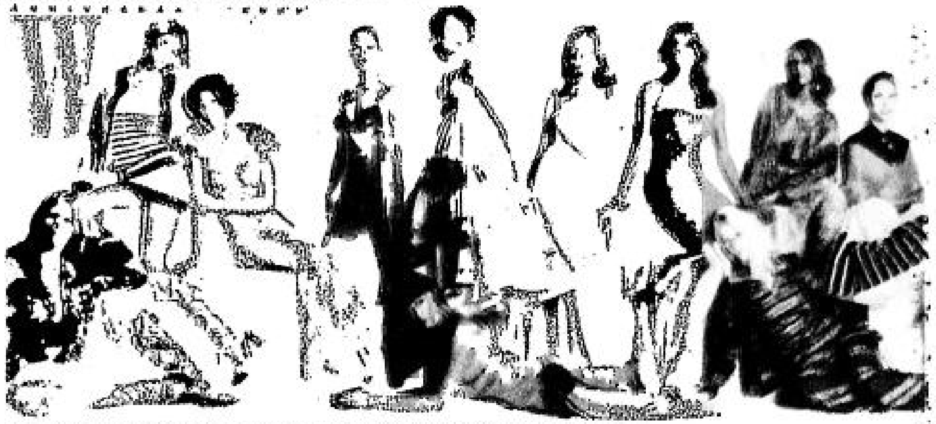

THIS is one of the four covers done for W's 30th anniversary.

Supermodels reunite, 'X-Men 2' sets 2003 playdate

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dy Crawford, **Kate Moss**, **Gisele Bundchen**, **Iman**, etc., wearing clothes by different designers and from different years (think: the 1920s to the present). There are four separate covers, all with different poses, clothes and models. In the Letter of the Editor, it was mentioned that the staff was initially worried about the egos of supermodels, how the older ones would feel posing next to the younger ones, or if they would even show up. But based on the outcome, the project went well. Check this out at your favorite newsstands!

Must-see TV show—"Fear Factor." AXN's adventure-reality shows ("Survivor," "Amazing Race," "No Boundaries") and "CSI" are my favorites. The station's bringing back "Fear Factor," now on its second season. The show features people performing death-defying stunts, lying in a pit of rats and eating bugs or worms—all for money! I am particularly intrigued by the show because I would never be able to do any of those stunts, except maybe the one in an upcoming episode. Contestants will eat *balut*, which some of my friends call "duck abortion." As a child I remember relishing this delicacy but as an adult, I probably would ignore it. But for $50,000, I would not mind eating the *balut*'s beak, eyeballs, feet and feathers. It will be exciting to see American contestants eating it and how they will react. "Fear Factor's" second season will begin Aug. 12.

I can't get through August without... Watching Cinemanila, which runs until Aug. 15 at Greenbelt 2. It features the best art films from all over the world, and most of them won't have a commercial run... Thinking if I should get the Nokia 7650, the one that enables you to send photos—cool gadget... Checking out the new PowerBooks store in Glorietta, which is located on the 2/F of Tower Records... Asking for *balato* from this *mayordoma* from Bacolod City who won the P145 million super lotto... Watching **Sharon Cuneta**'s concert at the Araneta Coliseum... Buying the latest "Café del Mar 9" and "Morcheeba" albums available in CD stores... Watching the movies "Unfaithful," starring **Richard Gere** and **Diane Lane**, and "About a Boy," starring **Hugh Grant**... The need for travel and getting out of Manila... Congratulating the MMDA for making the "no left turn" policy on Edsa (unless of course, you want to turn left)... Eating Häagen Dazs strawberry yogurt... Finding out which one of the Rexona boys will be the next big star—start learning Tagalog, guys!... Watching my good friend **Pops Fernandez**'s (along with **Kris** and **Zsa Zsa**) new TV show "Morning Girls"... Checking the newly renovated "V" (new name of Venezia) in Glorietta—its new look (done by **Cecille Ysmael**) is a sure-fire winner!

More mutants!—I have always liked the "X-Men" more than any superhero characters. In fact, I started collecting the comics since 1990 and only gave it up last year. It just got too complicated and there were too many titles.

When "X-Men" the movie came out last year I got excited. Although the movie lacked character development, I thought the action scenes were great. For "X-Men 2" (2003 release), more mutants will join the movie including Colossus, Jubilee, Kitty Pryde, Siryn, Pyro, Iceman, Nightcrawler, Beast and Gambit. The fans of **Halle Berry** (Storm) **Hugh Jackman** (Wolverine), **Patrick Stewart** (Professor X) and **Ian McKellen** (Magneto) need not worry for they will reprise their roles.

On dieting and its pitfalls. Living alone and perennially trying to eat healthy is difficult. You probably know someone who, when he eats out, will skip the butter, bread and dessert,

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Supermodels reunite . . .

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remove the chicken skin, etc. Well, I am like that! But sometimes, avoiding all the scrumptious foods has a major drawback.

Once at a dinner, I did not eat much. I went home and fell asleep. When I woke up around 2 p.m., I was so hungry. I went to the fridge. But all it had was vodka, cinnamon bread, peanut butter (30-percent less fat) and emmenthal cheese (which I think was purchased last Christmas). Since I was so hungry, I ate the whole thing and was up till 5 a.m. trying to digest it. I didn't feel well after that, although while I was eating, it tasted good.

Since I didn't have a helper at the time, I placed all the trash in my fridge thinking that cockroaches wouldn't go in there! So whenever I eat a banana or order food, the peel and styrofoam boxes go in there! Once, I went on a trip and forgot to take them out. When I opened the freezer door, the trash spilled out. I found out that there were also empty bottles and Kleenex boxes inside the fridge.

Back to dieting, I often hear people say during lunch "Oh, I am not hungry" and will settle for a salad, but during *merienda* or dinner, they'll have a huge pizza or fried chicken with extra gravy. Moral lesson: Do eat healthy, but make sure it's sufficient and don't binge!

For others, don't forget to take your Xenical with you.

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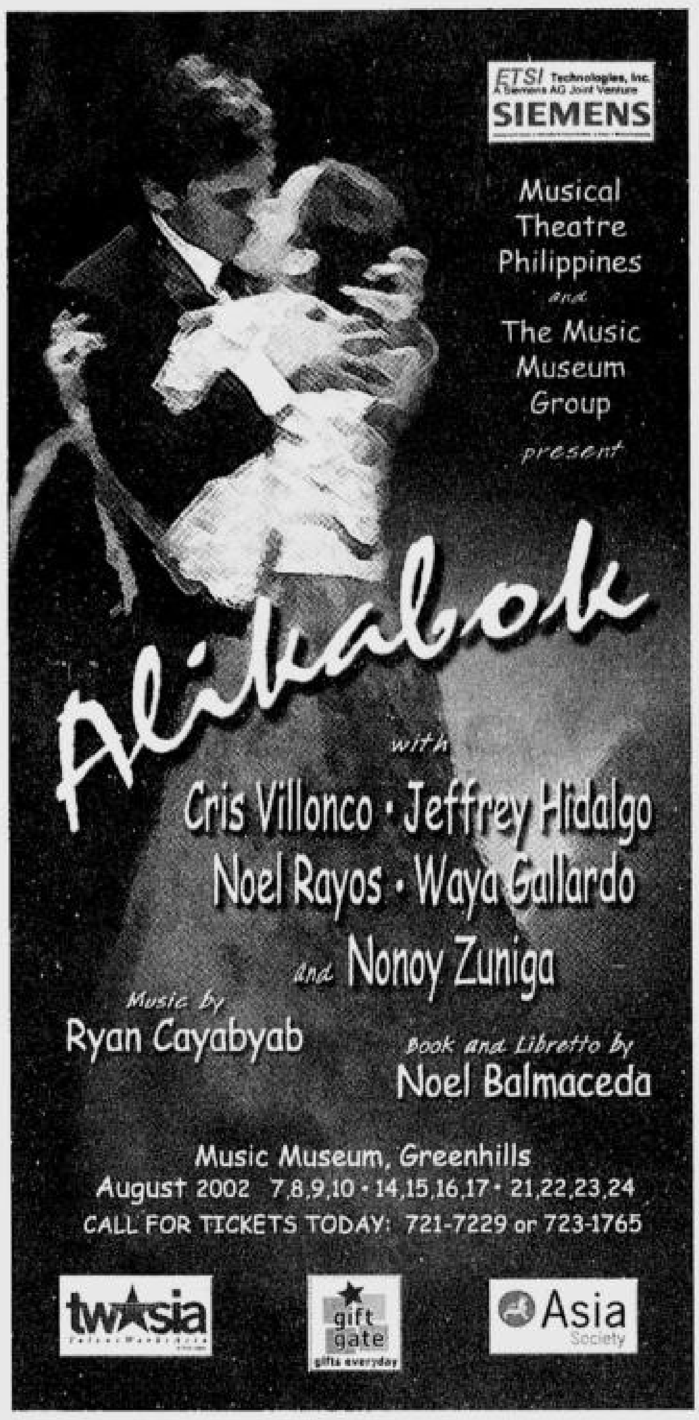
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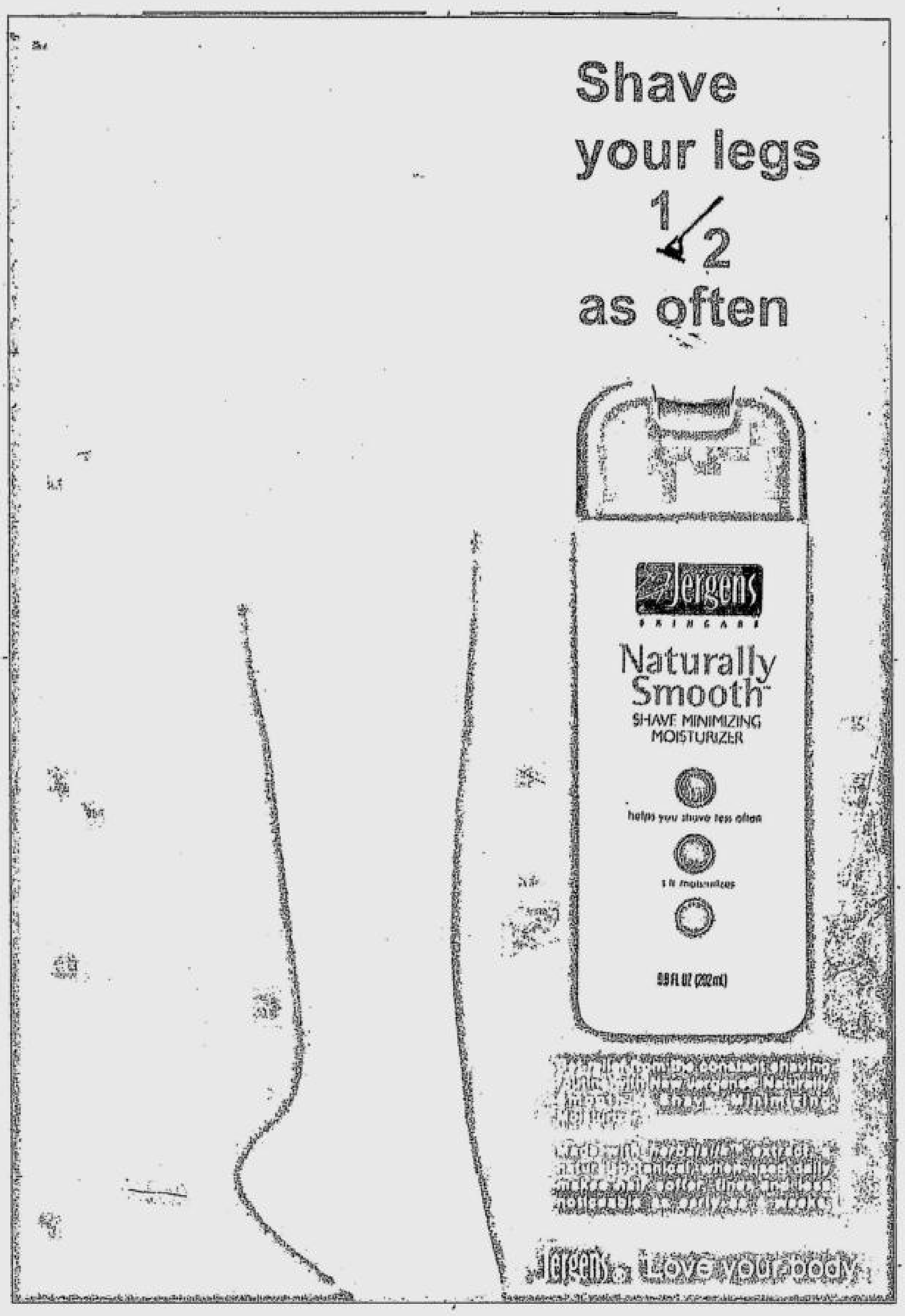
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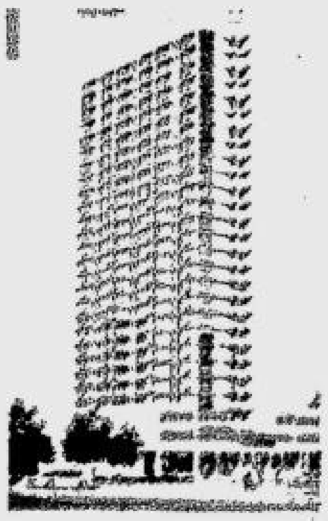

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Stitch, however, proceeds to behave badly and create chaos while proving to be perhaps the least affectionate pet on the planet. Still, Lilo takes him under her wing and encourages him to be a model citizen like her hero Elvis Presley.

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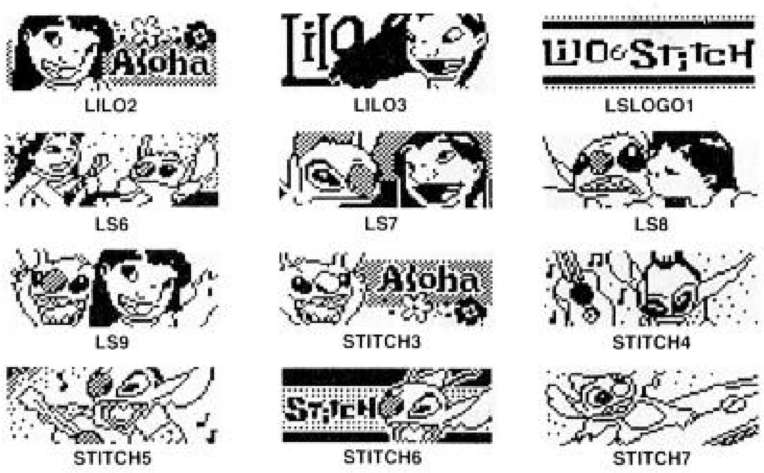

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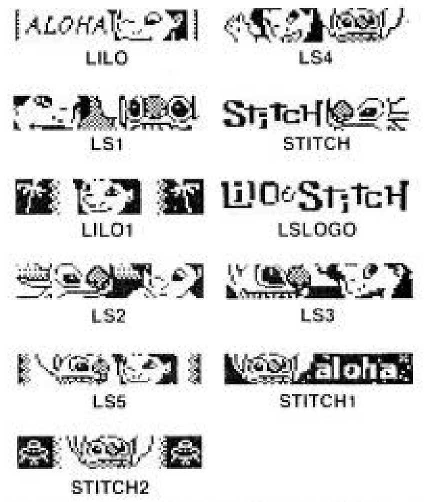

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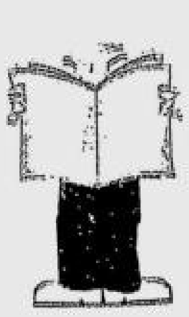

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PHI/01/007 – Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples for Governance and Sustainable Development of Ancestral Domains Project

URGENT RECRUITMENT

An international organization working together with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) aiming to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples to development as recognized by both national and international laws is in search of qualified individuals to be based and reporting directly to the Project Management Office (PMO) located at the 2nd Floor, D&E Building cor. Roces and Quezon Avenues, Quezon City.

A. PROJECT COORDINATOR (PC): Salary is gross 40,000 pesos per month.

Duties and Responsibilities

The PC will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the PHI/01/007 project and will have direct responsibility for the efficient and effective functioning of the Project Management Office (PMO).

Under the direct supervision of the National Project Director (NPD) and in close consultation with UNDP, he/she will also be responsible for the implementation of the project following the Project Document. The PC will also serve as the overall Manager of the three (3) project components in a concurrent capacity.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Set-up the Project Management Office (PMO), and with assistance of his/her staff, develop and implement the following: (i) sub-project prioritization system; (ii) M&E systems; (iii) administrative and financial systems, including internal control systems; and (iv) contracting systems, including selection, procurement, and deployment mechanisms. These are contained in the Manual for National Execution (NEX) of UNDP-assisted Projects.
2. Develop Terms of References (TOR) of PMO staff, consultants and subcontracts.
3. Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), if necessary, with project partners and agencies.
4. Coordinate activities of the Project Management Office (PMO) technical staff and provide overall direction to the PMO staffing on the day-to-day operations of the project, ensuring efficient, effective, and timely delivery of project outputs.
5. Ensure synchronization and technical consistency of the three (3) components of the project, through a well-coordinated work and financial planning.
6. Maintain effective working relations with and among relevant offices within the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and other project partners to be identified (e.g., NGAs, NGOs, POs, private sector, donors, etc.), and promote the project to other stakeholders towards forging active partnerships.
7. Coordinate the preparation and ensure the submission of annual and quarterly work and financial plans, quarterly accomplishment reports, annual progress reports, and budget revision exercises.
8. Convene/Organize quarterly monitoring and review meetings with the Project Advisory Committee and annual review meetings with the Portfolio Steering Committee, annual strategic planning workshops, plan the agenda and provide agenda materials.
9. Organize project meetings, workshops and other related fora.
10. Install a participatory community-based monitoring and evaluation system for the project, highlighting success indicators and benchmarks, and undertake project monitoring and evaluation.
11. Report periodically to the National Project Director and UNDP on the overall progress of the project, bringing to attention the issues or matters of concern requiring NCIP and UNDP management policy action.
12. Perform other related technical and administrative functions as may be assigned by the National Project Director.

Subject to the agreement of both parties, the terms of reference, may be modified from time to time as required in the interest of the project.

Qualification requirements:

The PC will require a minimum of seven (7) years proven experience in project development and management, strategic planning, appraisal, evaluation, networking and resource mobilization. A prost-graduate degree in the field of social sciences would be an advantage.

He/She must be an expert in the area of indigenous people's rights and development and must be fully supportive of the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 and other international documents promoting the rights of indigenous peoples. He/She must have an extensive knowledge on IP's development issues and concerns.

He/She must be proficient in written and spoken English, resourceful and independent. Qualified members of an indigenous cultural community are highly encouraged to apply.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE ASSISTANT (AFA) - Salary is gross 20,000 pesos per month

He/She will be responsible for monitoring the administrative and financial operations of the PHI/01/007 project. He/She will be under the direct supervision of the PC, in close coordination with the NPD and the Finance and Administrative Office of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and in consultation with UNDP. The AFA will form part of the PMO.

Administrative Tasks

1. Undertake record management, such as in the planning, formulating and installing of a coordinated and integrated system of receiving, recording, routing, classifying, dispatching, issuing and controlling the different kinds of reports and documents as these relate to the project.
2. Maintain records, files and communications (incoming and outgoing) of the project, including records of Project Management personnel, inventory of project equipment and supplies, etc.
3. Assist in the development of the Project Operations Manual.
4. Provide inputs to reports of the project, such as Quarterly Accomplishment Reports, Progress Reports, etc.
5. Keep daily schedule of activities of the project and arranges official appointments.
6. Undertake administrative arrangement and provide secretariat support during meetings, workshops, fora, etc., as may be required.
7. Perform a variety of skilled clerical tasks, such as typing, stenciling, among others.

Financial Tasks

1. Provide backstopping support to the Project Coordinator in coordinating the project's overall financial management of UNDP funds.
2. Assist in the preparation of the project's Work and Financial Plan, including provision of inputs in the accomplishment and progress reports.
3. Maintain and update book records and ledgers (financial and equipment) to ensure the accuracy and reliability of project financial information.
4. Maintain and update the financial information systems/data bank for efficient preparation of periodic financial report for management guidance.
5. Monitor the progress and the timely, efficient and effective implementation of activities vis-à-vis expected outputs and budget.
6. Prepare and submit request for direct payments and other relevant documents, and undertake project disbursements, if necessary.
7. Liaise with counterpart Finance and Administrative Officers and staff of NCIP on matters related to the utilization of project funds.
8. Prepare the project Financial Report and ensure refund of unused project funds released through cash advance, and formally close project books and account.
9. Assist in the procurement and inventory of project office supplies and equipment, including conduct of periodic inventories.
10. Perform other related functions as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualification requirements:

The AFA must have a degree in Accounting, Management or other relevant courses, with at least four (4) years experience in administrative and financial management, preferably under a foreign-assisted project. He/She must be computer literate, specifically on the following software programs: Microsoft word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, etc. He/She must possess good oral and written skills, resourceful and independent. He/She must be knowledgeable on financial systems and processes. Qualified members of an indigenous cultural community are highly encouraged to apply.

Duration of contracts:

Initial employment for the above posts (PC and AFA) will be for six (6) months, with possibility of extension based on satisfactory performance.

All application letters and comprehensive resume should reach our office on or before 16 August 2002. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or PO Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), Tel. Nos. (632) 892-4528/892-0611 to 25, Fax Nos. (632) 8160461; 893-9598; E-mail address:bc_admin.ph@undp.org

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CBRMP is a government project under the Department of Finance with financing assistance from World Bank. It seeks to pump-prime and enhance the capacities of the Local Government Units in region to manage their natural resources and rural development concerns. The project invites qualified applicants for the following vacant positions.

1 MONITORING & EVALUATION SPECIALIST for Central CBRM Office

Qualifications:

- Must be a graduate of a four-year degree course in the field of economics, statistics or math;
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- Must have at least three years experience in working with the local government units, government agencies, and local communities/people's organizations;
- Must have a working knowledge in the formulation of a project logical framework/project planning matrix and community-level/participatory M&E;
- Must have a working knowledge of database management;
- Must have a least 20 hours of relevant training, particularly on logframe, results monitoring, and community-level M&E;
- Must be computer literate (esp. Word and Excel) and with good communication and writing skills;
- Must be physically fit and willing to travel in remote upland and coastal areas.

1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANT FOR MONITORING & EVALUATION for Central CBRMP Office

Qualifications:

- Must be a graduate of a four-year course in Computer Science, Computer Management, or any other course related to Information Technology;
- Must have at least three years experience in the development, operations, and maintenance of management information systems;
- Must have at least three years experience in data gathering/analysis, and monitoring and evaluation of community-based NRM projects;
- Must have at least two years experience working with local government units, government agencies, and communities/people's organizations;
- Must have at least working knowledge in the application of "4GL", proficient in windows application, with at least 20 hours of relevant training;
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3 FINANCIAL ANALYSTS

Qualifications:

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1 ACCOUNT ANALYST

Qualifications:

- Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy;
- Preferably a Certified Public Accountant;
- Must have at least one year experience in a foreign assisted project;
- Must have at least one year experience working with local government units or government agencies;
- With relevant experience in financial statement analysis;
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Qualifications:

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Qualifications:

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- With substantial experience in institution-building of community-based organizations and/or cooperative development, organizational assessment, grassroots leadership development and training management;
- With good technical writing and communication skills and working knowledge of Microsoft Office software applications;
- Has experience working with LGUs, communities and government agencies;
- Willing and physically fit to travel to remote rural areas of Regions 5, 7, 8, and 13.

Interested applicant s may send their letter of application, resume, transcript of records, and 2x2 picture on or before **15 August 2002:**

The Project Director
Community-Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP)
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The Requirements
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Please forward your resumé, transcript of records and photo not later than **August 9, 2002** to:

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- ☑ Must possess a pleasing personality
- ☑ Must be computer literate

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- ☑ Male, at least 25 years old
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Qualifications:

- Graduate of 4-year university course or its equivalent
- Male/Female, 25-30 years old
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All applicants must submit their Curriculum Vitaé on or before August 12, 2002 to TTT-ICI's office at: Unit-E Lower Ground Floor, Westgate Tower Investment Drive, Madrigal Business Park, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City or E-mail to tttici@axti.com or fax to 772-1889.

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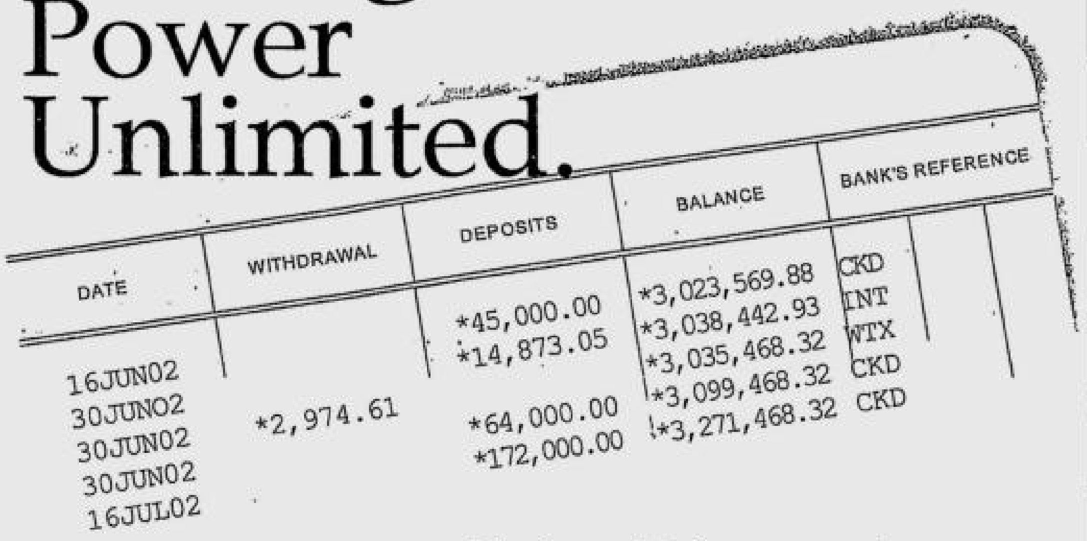

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- Male or female
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- An effective motivator who has the enthusiasm and energy to manage a sales team

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- With dynamic and pleasing personality
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Qualified applicants may hand carry or mail a letter of application clearly indicating the desired position and enclosing a detailed resumé, transcript of records and recent picture to:

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Empire East Land Holdings, Inc.

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- Male/Female, 25-35 years old
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- With excellent communication, leadership and presentation skills.

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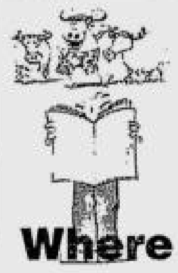

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How a former small-town councilor, B-movie actor and ersatz macho man from the '80s singing group Hagibis found himself facing down robbers—and being hailed as a real-life action hero

Sonny Parsons Stands his Ground

By Eric S. Caruncho
Photograph by Ernie U. Sarmiento

"THEY used to call me 'Sonny the Bull' because I would just charge ahead during encounters," says Sonny Parsons, former Hagibis member, actor and now real-life action hero. Before embarking on his showbiz career in 1979, Parsons was a special agent of the now-defunct Philippine Constabulary.

"Now my colleagues are calling me 'Sonny the Pit Bull'."

The nickname is well-earned. The ferocity with which the 45-year-old Parsons fought back five armed robbers who entered his Marikina home at gunpoint, killing two and seriously wounding another, is now the stuff of urban legend.

They should have let sleeping dogs lie.

As he retells the story, at about half past six on the morning of July 18, Parsons woke up feeling uneasy. He walked out into his living room to find the fish in his aquarium extremely agitated. In fact one, a red-tailed catfish, was flopping around in the water as if trying to leap out of the tank. Fish panic, Parsons knew, presaged some calamity. They had been

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this way just before the Baguio earthquake.

That was when the armed men burst into his house. At gunpoint, they hogtied him, his wife and two daughters and rifled through the house for cash and valuables. One of the robbers put a .357 magnum revolver against his temple and pulled the trigger. By sheer luck, the cartridge misfired, lodging the bullet in the barrel instead of Parsons' brain.

"I felt so helpless. I was tied up. They tried to blow my brains out. But I converted my anger into intelligence. Instead of getting mad, I made use of my mind to reverse the situation. Because I used to be a CMO (Civil Military Officer), I know the art."

According to Parsons, the robbers would have raped his two daughters if he had not been able to convince them that some policemen were coming for breakfast. Instead they fled, and one of the household help untied Parsons, who went after the robbers with his own gun, engaging them in a running gunbattle in the street outside his home.

"It was hot pursuit," recalls Parsons. "I was barefoot and didn't have a stitch on."

He managed to kill one with a head shot and wound another, before running out of bullets. A third assailant went after him with a knife. Thanks to his training in combat aikido and *kuntaw* (the Malay version of kung fu), he says, Parsons was able to grab the knife and slit open his assailant's jugular.

"It was my training with the PC special services that saved my life," says Parsons. "And *syempre, tibay ng dibdib*(sheer guts). It was my family's lives at stake. Bottom line, it was a father's instinct."

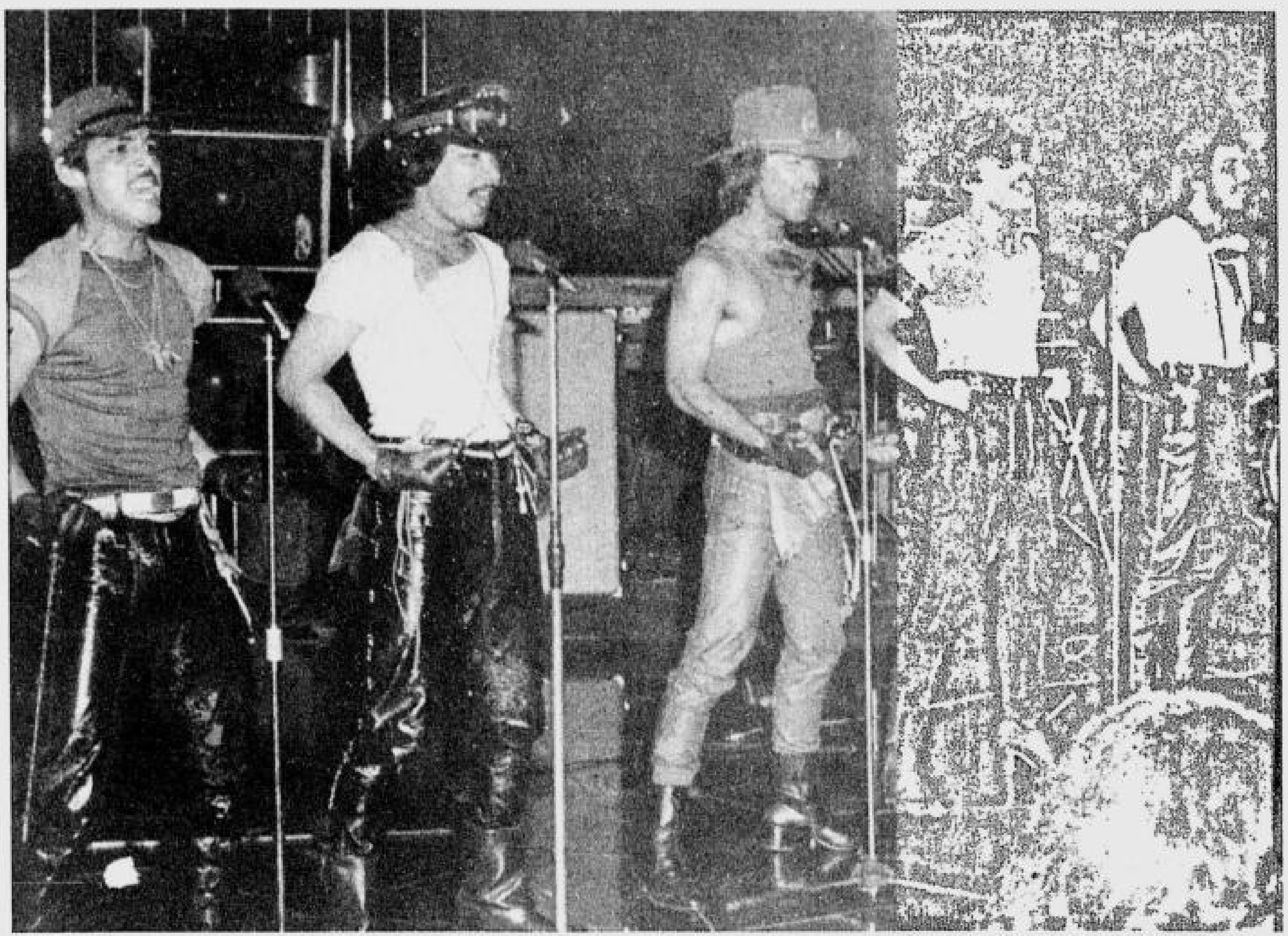
Parsons believes that the robbers' real target was a neighbor's house across the street. At the last moment, they shifted their attention to Parsons' home because his gate was open.

"Wrong place, wrong time," he says. "It was bad luck, but I managed to reverse the situation, and it became their bad luck. It was their fault. I only defended myself. Morally and legally, I believe what I did was right."

Both President Arroyo and the Senate seem to agree. The homicide charges filed by the Marikina PNP against Parsons will likely be just a formality. With Malacañang's present focus on fighting crime, Parson's case has become something of a *cause celebre* for anti-crime groups.

As for being the new poster boy for the pro-gun movement, Parsons is quick to disassociate himself from any movement, although he says he wouldn't refuse if the government tapped him for an anti-crime campaign.

"A lot of people want to ride on the incident. I'm not promoting pro-gun or anti-gun. I'm promoting the role of a father. If you feel you have to arm yourself, then do so. But be responsible. Be brave enough to face the consequences if it comes to that. *Nagkataon lang na may baril ako. Pero kung itak lang ang meron ako, siguro hahabulin ko pa rin sila ng itak.* (It just so happened I have a gun. But even if I only had a knife, I'd still run after them)."



Nanggigigil kami: **Parsons (middle) during Hagibis' heyday with bandmates Mon Picazo, Mike Raspal, Jojie Garcia and Bernie Fineza**

But the situation is far from over. Parsons believes the surviving members of the gang that broke into his home are now gunning for him.

"This is a vendetta," he says. "They lost two lives. This time I'm not dealing with goons in the movies, but real-life goons, ready to kill and ready to die because of their stupid principles."

His fears would appear to be justified. A few days after the incident, men in ski masks tried to abduct the Parsons' housekeeper while she was in the market. A week after the incident, persons unknown also attempted to break into the Parsons home, destroying a screen door in the process before being chased off by shouts from the household help. Three days later, Parsons accosted three men loitering in front of his house. One of them, who claimed to be a military man, was carrying an unlicensed .45-caliber pistol and was detained by police for questioning.

Although the surviving member of the holdup gang is now out of the hospital and in police custody, investigators have yet to identify the two who got away.

Because of the continuing threat, a squad of the Marikina PNP's SWAT team is still detailed at the Parsons' home.

"This is not a normal life," says Parsons, who still walks with a noticeable limp—a souvenir from the scuffle with the robbers. "I haven't been able to work since the incident. *Wala akong* income, *nanakaw pa pera ko* (I have no income and robbers took my money)."

In spite of the security risk, however, Parsons will not be driven from his house. "This is nothing new."

He also brushes off suggestions that he or his family might need post-traumatic stress counseling. "We lived inside Camp Aguinaldo for many years. We survived so many coups. *Sanay na kami* (We're used to it). If they think I will be rattled, that I will be afraid and just hide inside my house—no. That I will not allow."

To Parsons, a Muslim by blood and by choice, faith is the key to withstanding his present trials.

"Islam has made me stronger and more disciplined," he says.

As an interesting sidelight, Parsons says July 18 is an inauspicious date in the Islamic calendar, warning true believers against misfortune. He adds that he has always been sensitive to extrasensory input, having predicted the deaths of two of his uncles, to the date and the hour.

"Weeks before the incident happened, I thought to myself, 'I'm going to have a shooting on July 18 at 7 a.m.' The night before, I told my crew: '*Uuwi na ko, may* shooting *pa ako bukas*.' At 6:45 the following morning—*nangyari. Ibang klaseng* shooting *nga lang* (I'm going home. I have a shooting tomorrow. Well, it happened, but another kind of shooting)."

The actor was born Jose Parsons Nabiula Jr. His father is a retired PC colonel from Siasi, Sulu; his mother hailed from Santiago, Isabela. The young Parsons grew up speaking Tausug and Ilocano as well as Tagalog, but he eventually leaned more toward his father's heritage. While the rest of his siblings chose to become Catholics, he embraced Islam and later joined the PC, under which he would serve as a special agent for several years.

But his real love was music. In the late '70s, Parsons began playing clubs as a folk singer. He later joined the New Minstrels as a reserve singer.

"But I wasn't happy," he recalls. "I wanted to be known as a performer."

In 1979, he got a call from Vicor Records.

It was the peak of the disco era, and the Village People were on top of the charts in the US. The honchos at Vicor thought a similar all-male line-up singing original Pilipino music—minus the Village People's tongue-in-cheek gay subtext—would work.

Parsons auditioned for the as-yet unnamed "macho group" and in late '79, Hagibis was born. With Pinoy rock veteran Mike Hanopol writing (and, if truth be known, singing) the songs, the leather-clad, mustachioed group stormed the charts with such hits as "*Katawan*," "Legs" and "*Babae*."

Hagibis ran its course after three years, but by then, Parsons had parlayed his fame, and his real-life background in law enforcement, into a movie career. After playing small roles, Parsons starred in "Tirtir Gang." A string of true crime action flicks inevitably followed: "Arrest Holdup Gang," "Shoot To Kill: Boy Bicol," "OXO vs. Sigue-Sigue," "Bangsa Moro Army," and—presciently—"*Kailan Dapat Lumaban.*"

In the 1990s, Parsons also won a seat in the Marikina city council, where he chaired the city's Peace and Order Committee.

"I had quite a few gunbattles with criminals—bank robbers, common holduppers."

Parsons' hands-on approach to his job proved to be a bone of contention among his fellow councilmen. His political career was controversial and, as it turned out, short-lived.

Meanwhile, he graduated from acting to screenwriting and directing. After taking time to study filmmaking in the US, he formed his own outfit, JPAN Films. In fact, he was in the middle of shooting his own life story as a crime-fighting city councilman (working title: "*Konsehal, Halal Kang Palaban*") when the robbery occurred.

Because of the incident, Parsons has been forced to stop filming the movie, even if 70 percent of the sequences had already been filmed. He also says that the producer has backed out of the deal because of the robbery.

Not that the director is worried. Fact is, his phone has been ringing non-stop since the incident.

"*Umuusok ang telepono*," laughs Parsons. He admits that at least three film producers have been among the callers. Not surprisingly, these outfits are already pitching deals for a movie based on the incident. Parson's attitude is: why not? But any movie deals will have to wait until things have settled down.

There have also been offers from concert producers who want to cash in on Parsons' newfound prominence by reuniting Hagibis for live shows and TV appearances. Some of them are even offering large sums for a Hagibis reunion, says Parsons, but he is lukewarm on the idea.

"*Ayaw*. I don't really want to bank on the Hagibis name anymore, although for a lot of people, Sonny Parsons will always be identified with Hagibis, and vice versa," he explains. "It's not really the money. It's the security that counts." He feels that the other group members could be placed at risk if they associate too closely with him. For the same reason, he has declined offers to appear on talk shows—at least, for the time being. The security arrangements would be too unwieldy.

"Life must go on," he shrugs.

"If there are any lessons I learned from this incident, they are: be firm, believe in God, stand your ground. '*Yun lang*. Simple things, but they count for a lot."

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Lilia F. Antonio

Sikyo

We often leave
Our conscience at home,
So he clutches tight
On his rusty, trusty shotgun
Whenever we pose and plot
To find it in his territory.

We bury our guilt
Deep in our pockets,
So he fumbles our pants,
Dips a stick in our purses
Whenever we step on his
Demarcation line.

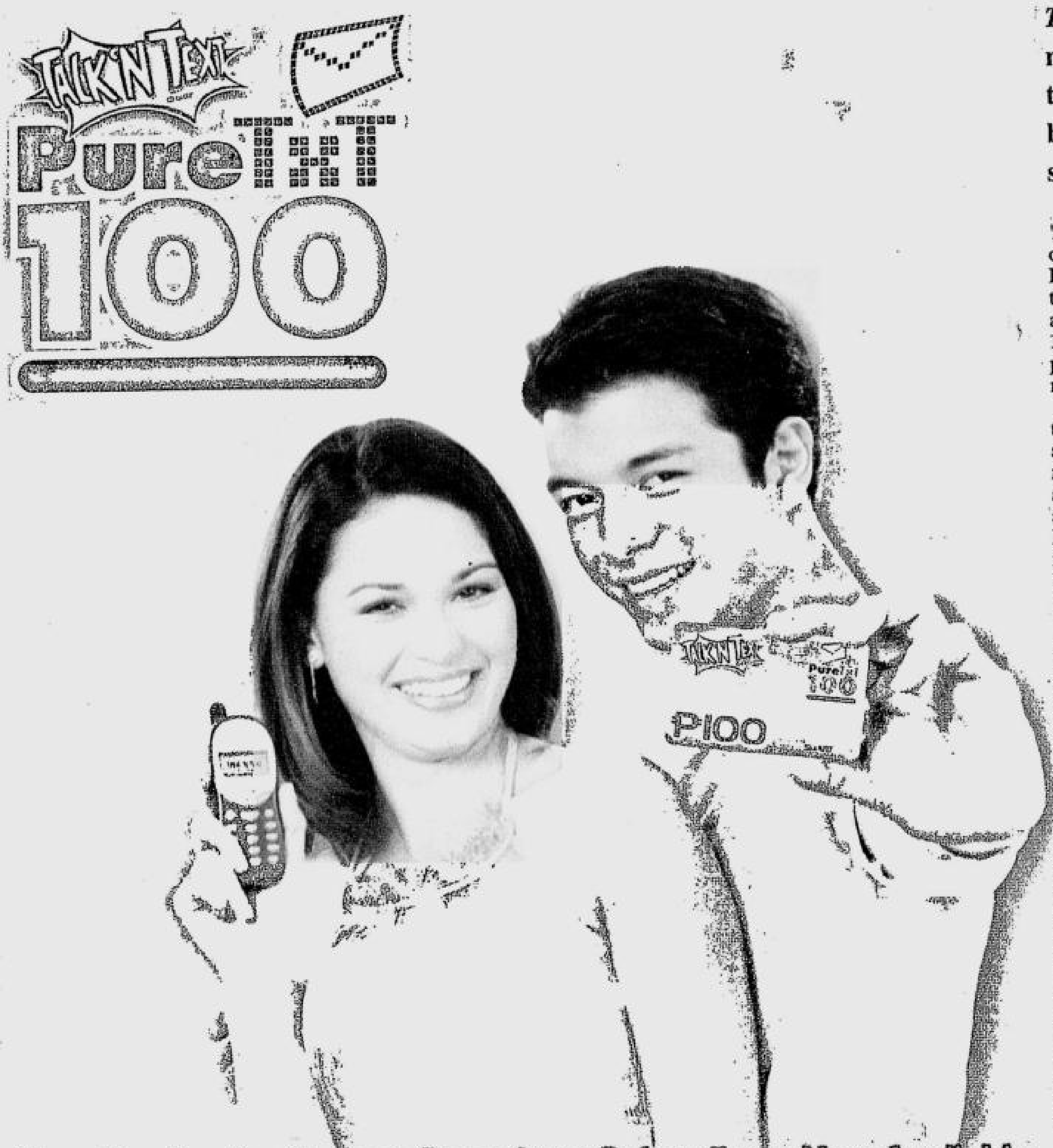
When cleared, he swings the door
Open with an uneasy smile,
Still uncertain if he had thoroughly
Sifted the wolves from the herd.
The rest of the day he struggles
Against the pressing weight of ennui.

And the cunning trickery of sleep.
When night comes,
The hour will stare at him
Like a thief,

Inconspicuously

Standing by.

Rosmon M. Tuazon



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PureTxT 100 is the latest addition to the wide range of *Talk 'N Text* product features. One has to agree that, once again, *Talk 'N Text* lives up to its slogan: *"Yan ang galing without overspending!"*

The 80s Are Back Courtesy of SMART zed!

There was a time when "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was the biggest action adventure on film. When Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was spawning hit after hit and winning award after award. When David Hasselhoff drove a sleek, black, talking Trans-Am called K.I.T.T. in "Knight Rider" and he wasn't even thinking of the beaches in "Baywatch" yet. When GMA Supershow was the undisputed king of Sunday noontime programming. When the hottest rivals in the NBA were Magic Johnson's Lakers and Larry Bird's Celtics, and a guy named Jordan was just beginning to learn how great he would become. When Dolphy and Nida Blanca was everyone's favorite couple via "John en Marsha". This time was the 1980s.

Now, SMART zed is giving you the chance to both relive your memories of the 80s, as well as earn the chance to win up to P1,000,000 through your knowledge of 80s trivia with SMART zed *Text to Milli,000,000ns 80s Mania!*

Text to Milli,000,000ns is a nationwide text-based quiz game that will run until September 30, 2002. There will be nine weekly winners of P25,000 each and two monthly winners of P50,000 each. There will even be a special prize of P100,000 for the highest scorer at the end of the promo period. Finally, P1,000,000 will be raffled off during the grand draw on October 1, 2002. The more correct answers, the more chances of winning!

To join and be qualified for the raffle draws, all SMART Gold, SMART Buddy, and Talk 'N Text subscribers have to do is to register. Simply key in QUIZ JOIN <name>/<address> and send to 288. Once registered, subscribers will automatically receive the three daily questions. Questions will be sent to all registered participants between 7a.m. and 1p.m. free of charge.

Think you remember which action star/stuntman jumped off the San Juanico Bridge? Remember the PBA Import popularly known as "The Black Superman"? What was the name of Vic Sotto's character in "Iskul Bukol"? The Jo Boxer's hit song "Just Got Lucky" is closely identified with what coming of age film from this era? If you know the answers to these and other questions on the awesome 80s, then it's time for you to play SMART zed *Text to Milli,000,000ns 80s Mania!*

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In addition, SMART subscribers can also avail of the latest scores, team standings, and schedule of games through the convenience of their own celfones. For game scores, key in UAAP SCORE and send to 2366. For team standings, key in UAAP STAND and send to 2366, while for game schedules, key in UAAP SKED and send to 2366.

Can the De La Salle Green Archers snag their fifth straight UAAP Championship? Can the Ateneo Blue Eagles stand in the way of their arch-rivals to claim the elusive crown? Can the Fighting Maroons of UP enter the Final Four for the first time in recent memory? Can the UST Growling Tigers reclaim the glory of championships past? Will the NU Bulldogs prove that last year's playoff run wasn't just a fluke? Can the UE Red Warriors rise above the disappointment of last season? Will the Falcons of Adamson get out of the UAAP cellar?

All of these questions and more will be answered in this year's 65th UAAP Men's Basketball Tournament and SMART is here to make sure you'll always be caught up in the non-stop basketball action!

SMART Brings Godskitchen Global Dance to Manila!

Hot on the heels of the hugely successful *Space Ibiza* dance party last June 11, SMART Communications is bringing another dance spectacular via the world-renowned club known as *Godskitchen*. On August 10, 2002 *Godskitchen* brings DJ Darren Pearce to the NBC Tent at the Bonifacio Global City. Pearce will spin his unmistakable and distinctive blend of melodic techno, trance and progressive influence mixed with a hint of breakbeat for Manila's partyphiles from 10pm onwards!

This latest techno-gathering is a part of the *Godskitchen World Tour 2002*. Stops are set across the world including New Zealand, Los Angeles, Tenerife, Istanbul, and their home club of Code in Birmingham in the United Kingdom. Considered one of the most innovative and eclectic party events, *Godskitchen* is bringing all of their hypnotic beats and mind-blowing grooves to Manila through the leader in telecommunications itself, SMART!

Resident at British club Peach since its conception in 1993, Darren Pearce also guests at some of the UK's premiere clubs, including Golden, Republica, Café Blue, More Tea Vicar, Twisted, The Honey Club, The Matrix, Enter The Dragon, The Dance Academy and Freedom. Pearce has also boasted residencies at Sunny Side Up for a 7 year stretch, Trinity for 6 years and Naughty But Nice where he was given a monthly slot after just one appearance. His sets are broad based and unpredictable, but always display an unbridled energy level.

Darren has also been making his mark in America with regular appearances at The Shadow Lounge (Miami), Blue (LA), Ra (Las Vegas), Crobar (Miami & New York) as well as dates in Canada at Breath (Toronto), The Guvernment and Plaza Of Nation (Vancouver). Popular in Europe and Asia, the rest of Darren's diary is filled with slots at overseas venues such as Love Da Records (Hong Kong), Sound Collection (Japan), Allenby 58 & Cream (Israel) and Privilege (Ibiza).

Ready to experience the *Godskitchen Global Dance* with Darren Pearce? There are three ways of winning FREE tickets to the *Godskitchen* dance event at the NBC Tent. 150 FREE tickets will be given away to lucky SMART subscribers. Just wait for a call from SMART, and you get in for FREE!

For non-SMART subscribers who want to switch, or wish to get a new or additional SMART Gold line, just call 888-1111 or *888 from your SMART celfone. A SMART representative will tell you how you can get FREE tickets. Be among the 150 who call and avail of any of these offers to automatically get 1 FREE ticket each. Lastly, FREE tickets will also be given during the event to 150 non-SMART subscribers who swap to the SMART Buddy Pre-paid 64K Super SIM.

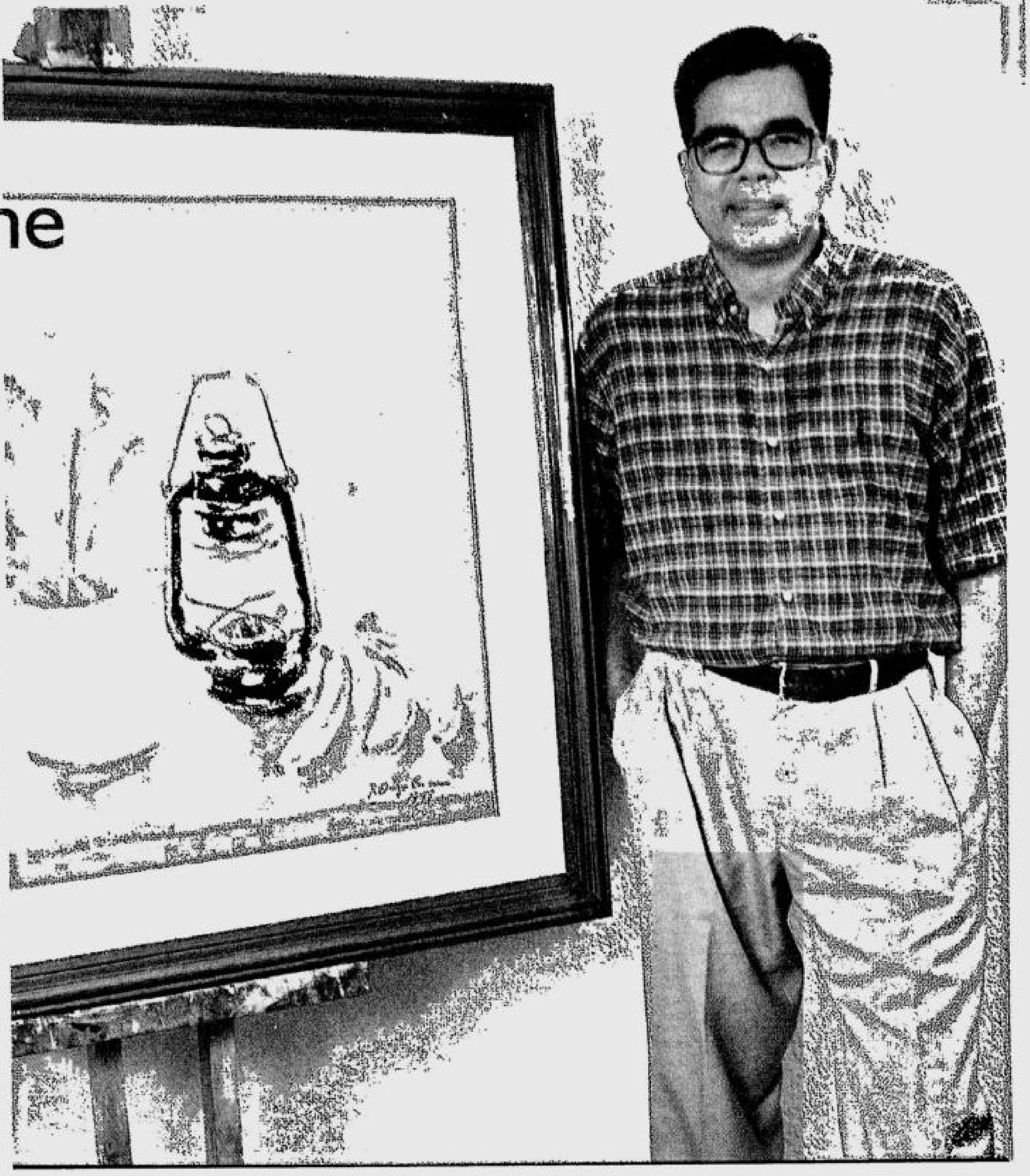
. SMART subscribers will get P100 off the ticket prices sold at the outlet and at the gate. They can also avail of the SMART Express Lane for easy entry into the party. Finally, SMART subscribers get free drinks to keep the party rolling!

Known to all as the epitome of the audiovisual clubbing experience, *Godskitchen Global Dance* is set to mesmerize and hypnotize the true clubbing enthusiast. SMART Communications, in cooperation with Bench, MTV Philippines, and Big Fish are proud to bring Darren Pearce and *Godskitchen* for the ultimate trance party. Get ready to lose your mind, your body, and your soul as *Godskitchen* hits Manila by storm this August 10 at the NBC Tent!

Artwatch

By Mitzi Duque Ruiz

Giving In to the Muse



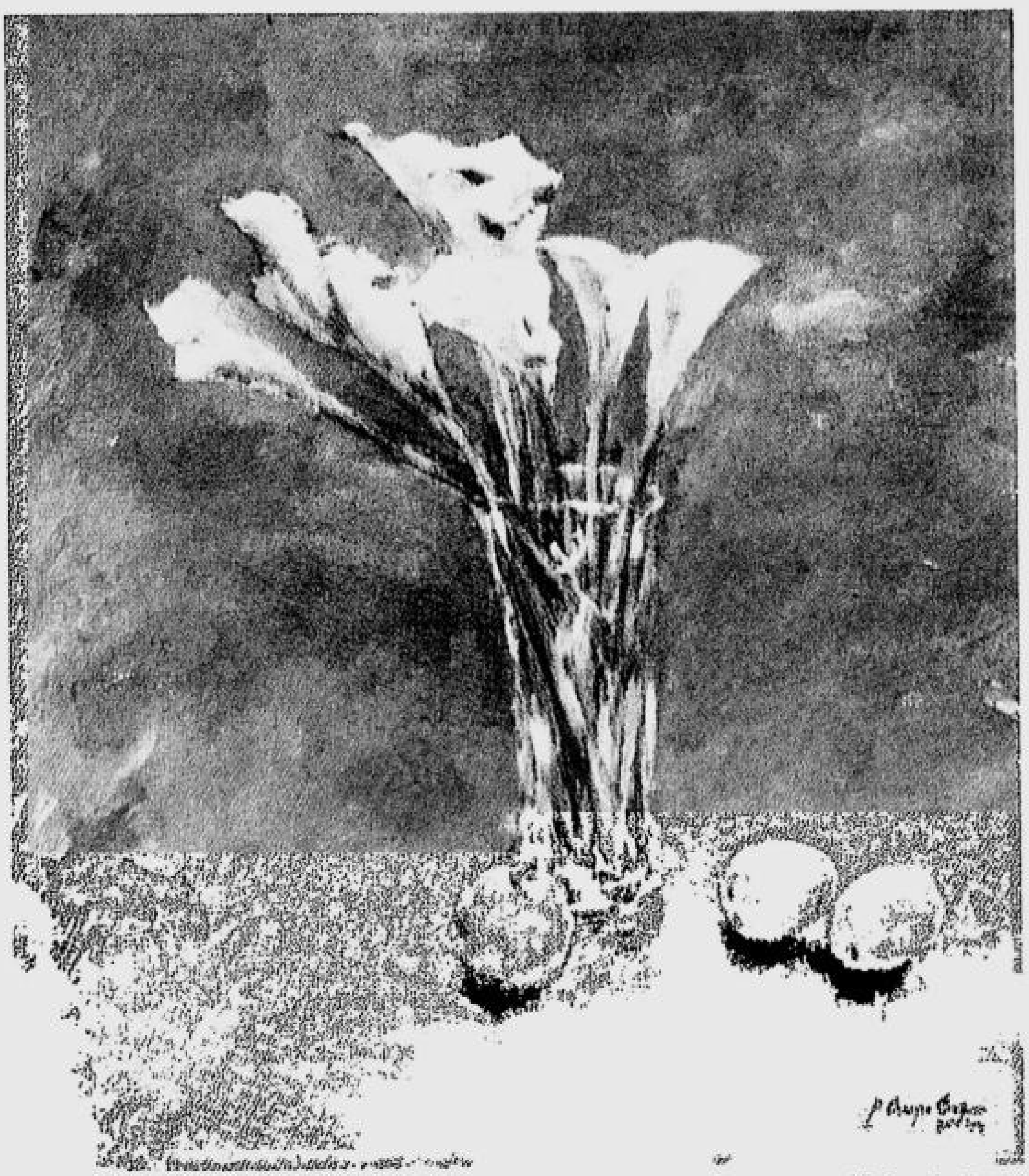
IF YOU were a painter with a million bucks, what would you do? Paint all day long, probably. But without that luxury, how will you manage to get by? Filipino artists have had to choose between abandoning their passion and living on a shoestring. Ramoncito O. Cruz grew up with this reality. A son of painter Remigio Cruz, he knew early enough that an artist had to make that choice between making a living and living the life of an artist.

"I was fully aware of the sacrifices and limited options. But I've also always known that I need to provide a secure world for my family," he states matter-of-factly. And, he didn't have the million bucks. Not quite jaded, but practical, this painter took the less-bumpy road.

He pursued a career in marketing, developing his skills with a pioneering local cable station. From there he moved to Account Management at the Cory-era Manila Chronicle. Today he is known by many as Monching Cruz, the man behind Mediawise Communications, a design studio and desktop publishing company he set up in 1993. He and his team develop newsletters, below-the-line collaterals, annual reports, and AVPs for academic and financial institutions and corporate organizations.

Every so often, though, Monching's artistic inclinations would show in his projects. He would highlight Filipino art in calendars, brochures, and newsletters he designed and published for clients. He is also conspicuously present in art shows and social events.

No, Monching is not a corporate figure who simply has an eye for good artwork, paints as a hobby, and hangs out with artists.



"Before the Party"

After years of putting his artistic inclinations aside to work in the corporate world, marketing man Monching Cruz finally holds his first one-man show

The Filipino art community knows him, because he is a fellow artist. He was born into the world of art, and continues to be surrounded by it.

"I always knew I'm an artist. The talent was inborn, mostly from my father's genes. That's why I took up Fine Arts in college." While at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Architecture and Fine Arts, at the height of the political and social turbulence of the '70s, Monching developed a mastery in still life painting, conveying a calm and serene side to the otherwise volatile times. This is also when he won his first major awards. "Schooling nurtured my talent, and the awards confirmed it," is how he sees it.

In the late '90s, when the corporate landscape turned unpredictable and competitive, painting began to once again take up a bigger space in his life. He argues that art was never abandoned; there was always time for letting the passion of his life take over.

He had found, once again, comfort in painting—in moments when only painting can lend a sense of quiet and calm amidst the chaos of the corporate world.

He would paint in the morning and towards the evening, when ample light would offer him additional moments of peace and quiet. He continued to paint still life, although with a more mature style and perception.

About a year ago, he realized he had enough of a collection to mount a solo show (a sign of the times?), and that perhaps the time was right. His public rebirth as a still life painter is a longing he has held in reserve, in deference to the choice he made earlier in life. Monching's work, as described by fellow artist Jose Tence Ruiz, has "veered away from sober Spanish pre-baroque towards something more akin to late Edades, Diosdado Lorenzo or even late Juan Arellano. There is a higher key invested in pale ceruleans, frosted mauves and pearly citrons. The brushwork is taut but sure, compositions relaxed yet limpid, kept that way with an intuitive but palpable asymmetry. His subjects are mundane but real, minutiae readily available in bourgeois domestic settings—lemons, wine bottles, calla lilies, carnations, bird-of-paradise, even tea kettles and tropical palms—sketched in acrylic with the authority one feels vested with when at home—private, serene, secure."

Monching Cruz is not a businessman who has taken to painting as a stress-relieving outlet. He's a born and schooled artist, who has had to put his aspirations aside for a while. The important realization for him, at least, is he has finally struck a balance. His show at the Crucible Gallery on the 4th level of SM Megamall up to Aug. 13 is where he is finally getting validation for setting the dormant painter free.

The most interesting people and personalities leave their mark in the pages of the Sunday Inquirer Magazine
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Little Lives

By Almond N. Agulla

Photographs by Roger Carpio

Night
# of their New Lives

The night school at La Salle Greenhills is giving people like Michael Hipol and Andy Natividad a chance to change their destiny

San Miguel Brewery

Michael Hipol and Andy Natividad attend high school at La Salle Greenhills. By now, you are imagining two boys getting into a chauffered Ford Explorer. Their parents shower them with gifts like the latest cell phone models if their grades are high enough. Someone cooks for them. They get into comfortable beds and are hushed to sleep by the sound of airconditioning.

Unfortunately, life isn't beautiful for all Lasallians. At sundown, the La Salle Greenhills campus is transformed into a haven for school dropouts—taxi drivers, *yayas*, maids, cigarette vendors, etc.—who are given a chance at a better life. Each night they devote to attending classes means being one night closer to a high school diploma.

The Adult Night High School (ANHS) was established in 1978 by the La Salle Brothers to provide formal and non-formal education to the less privileged. It is the first and only night high school in the country to be accredited by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU). Why not when the ANHS's five-year high school program shares the same academic standards as the regular four-year La Salle high school program? More than that, night students use the same facilities as their daytime counterparts. For a meager fee of P200 a year, Michael and Andy attend high school at La Salle Greenhills. The two made a decision that, though their lives are far from beautiful, they can change the future.

Michael, 21, is goodlooking enough to be a showbiz contender. Tall and lean, he has a boyish smile that would melt the hearts of die-hard fans. Unfairly, he is a star not of a top-rating TV soap but one that is painfully real.

He grew up in Mindanao. His bond with his Muslim father began and ended at conception. His 16-year-old mother left for Manila when he was a baby. She was supposed to find work to support him. Instead, she found a husband and raised a family.

The young Michael was raised by his maternal grandmother. When she passed away, the 12-year-old relied on the mercy of his distant relatives. His *lola*'s sister brought him to Manila where he continued his studies. Eager to develop a relationship with his estranged mother, he would drop by her house for visits. But there was no fairy tale reunion. He was not welcomed with open arms. In fact, his mother would introduce him to people as her younger brother.

It was the opposite in his new home. His relatives treated him well—providing him with an education and a comfortable life. As a teenager, he became a rebel. "I was into everything except drugs. Mostly, I was into fights and *barkadas*. I studied in La Union for four years. But my *lola* brought me back to Manila because she was scared I would get married early." The shy Michael admits he has an eye for girls. His weakness for the opposite sex finally got him into big trouble. He was kicked out of Jose Rizal High School in 1997 because he got into yet another fight. Michael now claims he was only defending a girl's honor. But the high school junior had run out of second chances. "My relatives used to treat me like part of the family. They were so nice to me. But I kept getting into trouble. I guess that offense was the last straw. My *lola* said she was done with me. Suddenly, everything changed," he says. From an adopted son, he became no more than a hired employee. His fall from grace lasted three years. "The final straw was when I heard my mother say that I was no good—that I was a burden to other people. It happened the day my stepfather insisted that I move in with them. He was always nice to me. I was moving my things into their house when I overheard them fighting. It hurt to hear her say that I would only bring trouble into their home. So I left. I decided to prove to her that I could make something of myself." A well-meaning aunt was instrumental in getting Michael enrolled at the LSGH Adult Night High School last year. Moved by his three-year struggle, she offered him a second chance. Michael began his re-education by making a commitment to himself. First off, he became a model employee—proving that he could be both a diligent worker and a student.

The transformation from reckless rebel to responsible adult has its rewards. At his half-sister's debut early this year, his mother publicly acknowledged him as her son. Even his half-sisters have come to accept him as their big brother. Michael proudly says that he has become their confidante and *gimik* companion. Even his well-off cousins have noticed his change of heart. The three students of La Salle Day School (as the regular high school is called) have become his idols. Michael, amazed by their humility, has realized that there is dignity in hard work. Meanwhile, his *lola* has warmed up to him again. She has even opened a bank account for him. On Sundays, she would invite him to attend Mass with her. "I've really learned to regret all the opportunities I wasted. I could have been a college graduate now if I didn't mess up my life. I even rebelled against God because I felt like He took everything away from me. I didn't go to Church for three years. Now, every night before I go to bed, I ask His forgiveness," he reveals.

Michael's story is far from over. After high school graduation, two school years from now, he intends to pursue a college degree. He hints that he may take the advice of uncles who are pushing him to become the first Hipol in the police force.

Asked unexpectedly to imagine what his life would be had his three-year nightmare continued, Michael shakes his head. There are no words to explain what a second chance means to someone who has been down and out. Relieved of the duty to answer such an overwhelming question, he flashes a bright smile when told that the interview is over.

As soon as Andy Natividad walks into the room, he makes for a striking contrast to Michael. The 22-year-old is no taller than a teenage boy which he is often mistaken for. Though Michael and Andy have not known each other until last year in La Salle, they have a lot in common.

"I never knew my parents. My first memory as a child was being at a wake. Later, my relatives told me that it was my father who was inside the coffin. Our mother had left us with our father. So when he died, our relatives split us up. My siblings and I grew up separately," he explains.

His early years were spent moving from one relative's house to the next, treated like a servant. A kind aunt sent him to school. But, at the age of 7 or 8, he fell into the hands of a cruel uncle.

"I was forced to drop out of school when I was in Grade 3 because I ran away from home. You see, I just couldn't take my uncle's beatings," Andy explains.

A neighbor, witnessing the constant abuse, came to his rescue. His *Kuya* Rod brought him to Nepa Q Mart, which was to become Andy's home for 12 years (from the age of 10 to the present). He sleeps on a cot inside one of the stalls. By early morning, he is up and about doing almost anything to earn a buck. For P100 he unloads an entire jeep of produce. He carries sacks of rice or vegetables on his back—going back and forth until the entire jeep is unloaded. Despite his diminutive height, Andy is as strong as a horse. "My life has always been difficult," he admits. "For as long as I can remember, I've been working hard. I'm used to it now—the loneliness, the poverty, the fatigue. I grew up with street kids and *kanto* boys. But a lot of them became addicted to drugs. I stayed away from that. My dream even then was to go back to school. I want to show my uncle that I can fend for myself—that I can be someone even without his help."

Andy began fulfilling his dream at the age of 18. By then, he had saved enough money to send himself to school in Marinduque. Unavoidably, his classmates teased him for being so much older than the usual grade school student. His free time was spent de-husking coconuts under the scorching heat for hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends). But eventually, he had to return to Manila where the money was "easy."

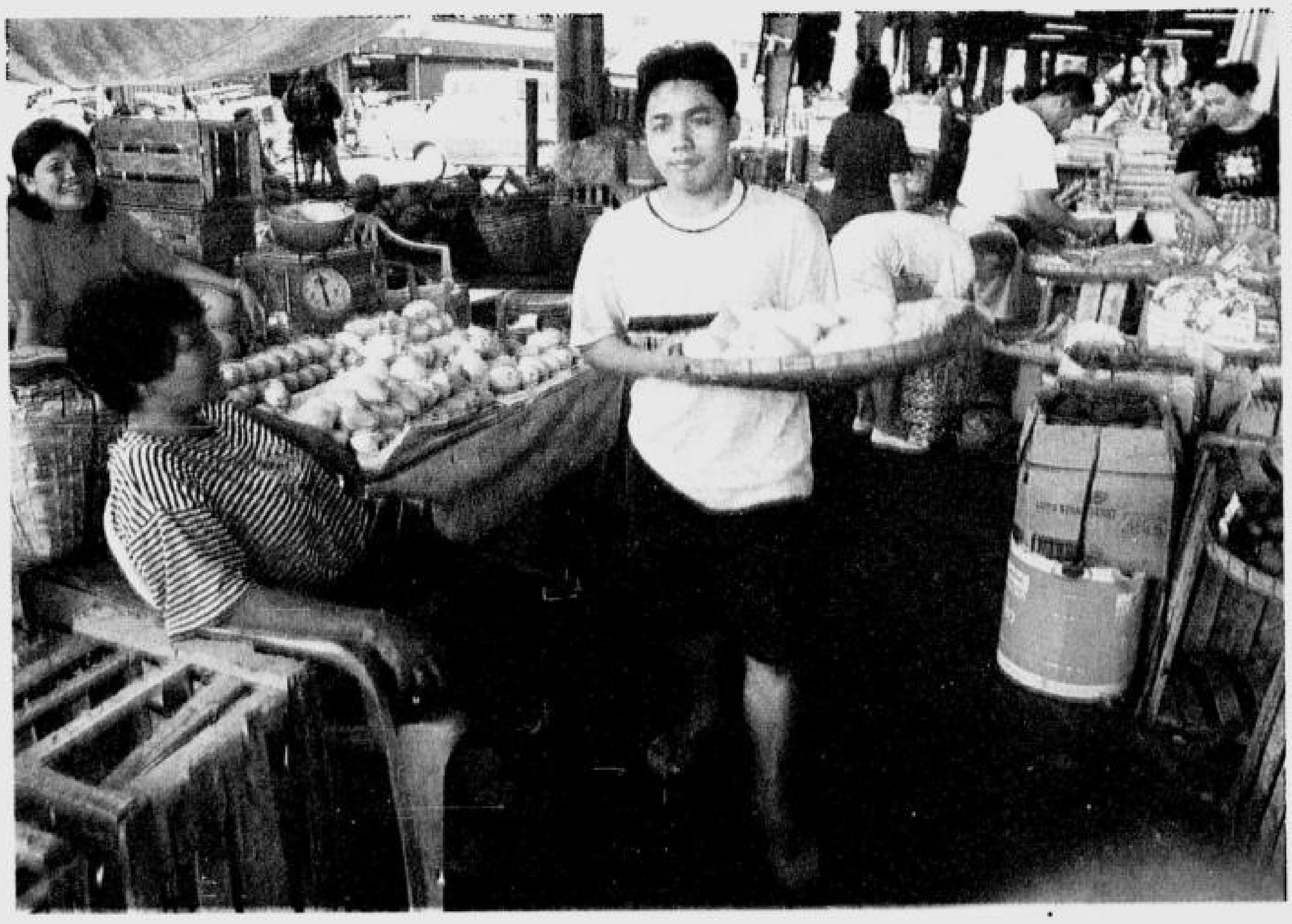
His final year in elementary was spent in a public school in Cubao. Still, it was a struggle for him. Classes kept him away from the market in the morning, which was prime time for selling goods and services. Andy's perseverance to get an education did not go unnoticed. A guidance counselor advised him to try out for the Adult Night High School if he intended to go further with his studies. "I've always liked studying. When I was a little boy, I loved doing my homework. Unfortunately, I had to stop studying because of my situation. The desire to go back to school has always been there."

School year 2000-2001 found Andy attending high school at ANHS. He is pleased that most of his classmates are his age or even older. Principal Tere Gorayeb confirms that his enthusiasm reflects in his grades. His average is 87—quite impressive for a working student who starts his day as early as 4 a.m.

The ANHS family is concerned with much more than just his academics. In fact, Andy will be given regular transportation allowance by one of the foundation's sponsors. There was a time when he was even employed as a delivery boy by his teacher. That was cut short when Andy realized that there was nothing better than working at the market.

"What's nice about living in the market is that you can earn money as long as you're willing to work. There are so many opportunities there. I'll be a high school graduate when I turn 25. I'm already saving up for college. I want to take up accounting later on. They've told me it's expensive but if I'm able to get a college degree, I may be able to land a good job. *Wala namang bayad ang mangarap, di po ba?* (dreaming is free, isn't it)," he humbly says.

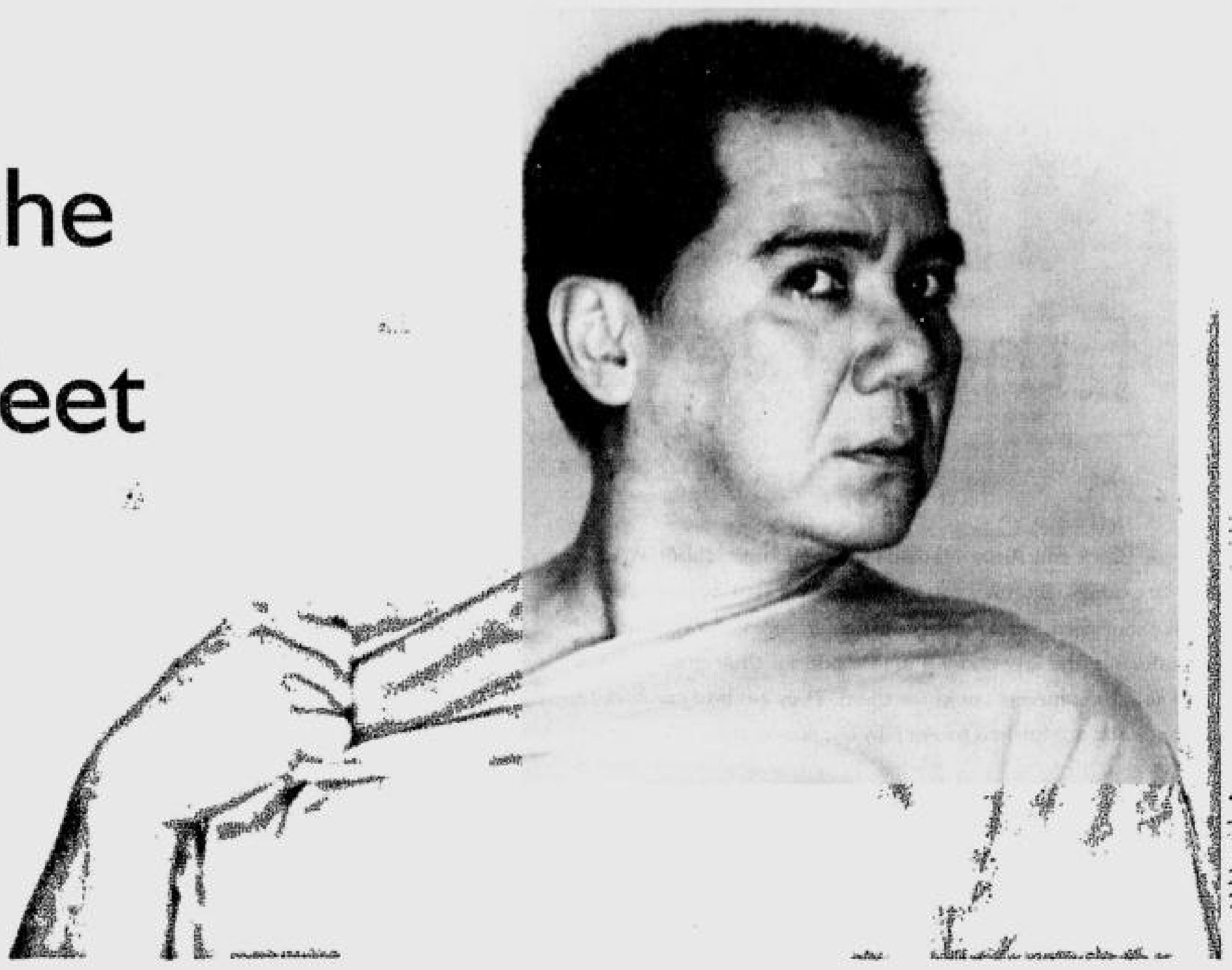
There is enough hope for countless Michaels and Andys at ANHS. The school's aim is to continue the work of St. John Baptist De La Salle who gave up everything (including high scholastic and ecclesiastical positions and personal wealth) to devote his life to the Christian education of underprivileged youth. This task is daunting but for Adult Night High School, the night of new lives goes on. Last July 12, LSGH re-launched the ANHS Foundation to raise much needed funds to keep the project alive. Any form of assistance is welcome. Inquiries may be sent to development@lsgh.edu.ph., tel. nos. 7273760/7210891-94, 7210296-97 loc. 153/198. You can help keep Michael and Andy in school.



Michael (top) and Andy (left) are working towards a better life

Theater Tales
By Marge C. Enriquez

The Man with the Flying Feet


JUN DE LEON

People once told Douglas Nierras he shouldn't dance. As he proves anew in his choreography for the author's upcoming dance concert, nobody does it quite like this icon of Pinoy modern dance

IN HIS youth, Douglas Nierras was told that he would never make it as a dancer because he was "too fat, too short and too pale." Not wanting to be a pushover, Douglas decided to prove his detractors wrong. Following his intuition, he bucked the odds by becoming a principal dancer and eventually the most sought-after choreographer in the country. Nierras holds the distinction of being the only Filipino to win an international grand prize for choreography.

Despite such artistic genius, the local dance community has labeled Douglas a "tyrant," downgrading him into a tart-tongued slave driver.

Whether the label—and the grand prize—are justified, I have yet to find out. I only got to know more about the real Douglas Nierras (*Tito* Dougs to his dancers) when I started working with him in my dance concert "Wings of Soul."

This multi-media show is based on the book of the same title authored by Dadi Janki, an international lecturer who has been meditating for 66 years. The text explains that to achieve this stability, we must peel off tiers of ego in the disguise of negative attitudes that have entrapped the innocent child within us. Once we free the mind from these illusions and get clear insights into the positive aspects of ourselves, then we can become light. Thus, the title "Wings of Soul."

Douglas actually made this writer live through the text. Any dancer who hasn't started with him has to unlearn not only the worst habits of their dance training but also of their adulthood. Call it a purification process, but Douglas prefers to describe his rehearsals as time for discovery. He makes dancers stop worrying about how they look and other distractions. These anxieties make dancers lose touch with something essential to their being—their connection with themselves and with their environment. This re-awakening enables the dancers to savor the present moment.

It is unfortunate that the fractious dance community has labeled his ensemble, Powerdance, as merely a "jazz company." The elitist scene here tends to be contemptuous of dancers with no extensive training in classical ballet. To them, a dancer looks unpolished or raw without the perfect lines and placement honed by ballet. But Powerdance exudes a special quality. Onstage, the dancers are so high with their own enthusiasm that the audience can't help but smile back at their seemingly natural ecstasy. Weighty yet supple, the dancers surrender to unself-conscious abandon, exuding sumptuous sensuality.

This magic of dance stems from Douglas' genius, though not in the context of sheer intellectual power. At the start of his career, only enlightened artists saw his potential. When Douglas was growing up in the Visayas, he failed to pass the auditions for a local folk dance company. At the then Cultural Center of Philippines (CCP) Dance Company (now Ballet Philippines), Douglas was ostracized by the senior dancers. Teachers told him he had no future because he had the wrong body type. However, the likes of Joy Coronel and Franklin Bobadilla, one of the finest danseurs the country has ever produced, saw his striking movement quality and dramatic expression and encouraged him.

While studying speech and drama at the University of the Philippines, Douglas became a protégé of Corazon Iñigo, then the artistic director of the UP Filipiniana Dance Company. To this day, they maintain a mother-and-son relationship. Some of her obvious influences on Douglas' choreographic style are the elements of unpredictability, focus and risk-taking.

Today, at 48, Douglas can still knock your socks off with his dancing. He has the talent for making difficult movements look utterly organic, and for making deceptively simple connecting steps look more like rhythms. Using his theater background, he uses his eyes to add power to his performance.

Douglas has pursued intense training in New York, taking up master classes in ballet, modern dance, choreography and dance video. Weary of the vanity and rigidity of classical ballet and the hard-edged style of the Martha Graham technique, Douglas ventured into jazz, where he could let go. He established his reputation as the choreographer and principal dancer of Hotlegs which became famous in the commercial circuit. In the early '90s, his company evolved into Powerdance.

Douglas defied the long-cherished beliefs about dance. The way it is taught and choreographed today, dance has become a slave to the formalist method in which movement is independent of meaning. Choreographers, dancers and writers have conceived of dance as something one does rather than an art one reflects upon.

Douglas instilled in his dancers the need to develop the intellect within the context of their soul so that intuition could be utilized.

Indeed, Douglas will stop at nothing to wring out a credible performance. During rehearsals, the dancer is challenged both physically and mentally. On the physical level, he makes the dancer repeat the step even if it takes two hours until it is done correctly. On the mental level, he tests the dancer's knowledge of movement theories. His exacting methods and sharp wit earned him a reputation as a tyrant.

But dancers don't seem to mind because they enjoy his work. As a choreographer, Douglas is gifted with musicality and imagination. Relentless dance passages are punctuated with moments of stillness for contrast. He makes connections with jazz in combination with spirals, falls, and the expansive breath characteristic of modern dance. What makes his work special, though, is that every movement is polished to its essence.

Why all this detailed work? Douglas wants to bring back dance to its origin as the most participatory of the arts. In other words, the audience experiences what the dancer is going through onstage, even if it is virtual. It can only happen when there is honesty and integrity in the process. And, if the audience and performer are on the same wavelength, then the experience becomes moving. Q

"Wings of Soul" will be shown at Onstage Theater, Greenbelt on Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. For details, call Michael Unson at 0917-6964875 and Mike Lomat at 0917-6189424.

LoveNotes
By Joe D' Mango

Dreaming of Being Noticed

He barely notices me, and it seems like he even forgets I exist and it really hurts. If I can't have him as my man, at least I want to be his friend, a person who is part of his life. But how?

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

Dear Joe,

They say that when it comes to love, you must reach for the stars. Even if you miss, you will land on the moon. If this is true Joe, I want to give it a try.

Just call me Sera, I'm 20, a senior at one of the universities here in Manila. It's been almost a year since I broke up with my first boyfriend, and I learned many things. I am over him Joe, and he's the least of my concerns now.

My problem is this, there is this guy in our house, our boarder, with whom I'm beginning to fall in love with. Let's call him Nic. Nic is not your typical guy because people have always suspected that he's gay, but I'm not paying any attention to that. Perhaps it's because he is quiet, prim and proper. He goes to work in the morning and comes home at about 8 p.m. everyday so there's no chance for him to notice me. He is so intelligent, Joe, and whenever I hear stories about him, I get encouraged even more. I'm a person with low self-esteem and falling in love with someone like him is what they call suntok sa buwan. *Still he mystifies me. Sometimes when I'm looking at him, I can't help but wonder what it feels like to be with him, to talk to him, to be loved by him.*

I am taking this feeling as a challenge, Joe, a challenge that I may not win, but at least one I will face.

But it's not easy. He barely notices me, and it seems like sometimes he even forgets I exist and it really hurts. If I can't have him as my man, at least I want to be his friend, a person who is part of his life. But how Joe? Everytime there's a chance for us, I get so shy and I back off.

I need your help, Joe. How can I make him realize that I'm here, and I love him? My friend told me to let him feel beyond my silence. But how will I do that?

Thank you so much, more power and may God always bless you and your family.

Sera

Sera,

It seems that Nic really is strictly confined to himself. There could be a lot of reasons why a man would not bother himself with the people around him and Nic is just one of many who probably feel more comfortable alone. You were challenged by his character but I doubt if it is love you feel for him. Nevertheless, I don't see anything wrong in seeking his approval and friendship. It is worth a try.

But, here we are with a classic dilemma. How can a woman express her feelings for a man without being too forward? It is quite tricky but I believe that there will always be a way to catch a man's attention without being too obvious. First, your intention should be pure and sincere because it always shows in the end. Second, you should believe in yourself. Think of several reasons why people feel lucky to have you as a friend. I'm sure you have likeable qualities. Be confident because people wouldn't be interested in you if you don't believe in yourself. Finally, plan the simplest and most casual way of starting a conversation with him. Even hermits take time out to see who's knocking at their door. Work your way into his schedule once you become comfortable with each other, then, let destiny take you to where it should.

Sera, whatever happens, never stop reaching for the stars. People who follow their dreams become better persons every time they wake up. Even if they don't realize all their dreams, they're always one step ahead of the others. They don't feel defeated because they know they have given it their best. So, give it your best shot, Sera. I wish you well. Q

This Week

Art

Our Country, an exhibit of black and white photographs by Alex Levac capturing the contradictions of modern life in Israel, until Aug. 26 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Cental Bank Complex, Roxas Blvd., Manila.

"Yin and Yang" by Leonardo Reyes on exhibit at Gallery Genesis

Windows and Women, a photo exhibit of windows and women in Itbud village, Uyugan, Batanes by Francisco Datar at The Edge, UP Vargas Museum, Diliman, QC until Aug. 15. For details, call 928-1927.

Kulay sa Tubig, an annual invitational watercolor competition and exhibition where five top winners and runners-up will be named from a field of 60 invited artists which constitute Manila's elite watercolor painting enthusiasts, until Aug. 13 at the SM Megamall Art Center. For details, call 633-8137 to 38.

Hardware I, a group exhibit commemorating 100 years of the Philippine Labor Movement, until Aug. 11 at the J. Vargas Museum inside UP Diliman. An Artists' Forum will be held on Aug. 9, 1-5 p.m. For inquiries, call 371-1219 (Jes) or 545-2438 (Deo).

"Windows and Women" by Francisco Datar at the UP Vargas Museum

Stone Garden Series, Soler's mixed media exhibit at the Finale Art Gallery, SM Megamall A until Aug. 11.

Cinema

Cinemanila is showcasing over a hundred acclaimed films at Greenbelt I Cinemas in Ayala Center until Aug. 15. Leading the pack are "Heaven" from Germany; "Bread and Tulips" and "The Travelling Salesman" from Italy; "Flickering Lights" and "Minor Mishaps" from Denmark; "Dog Days" from Austria and "Chico" from Hungary; "The Carriers Are Waiting" and "I Know I'll See Your Face Again" from Belgium; "A Place on Earth" from Russia; "Good Hands" from Estonia, and Luxembourg's "Le Club des Chomeurs." United Kingdom's entry is "The Navigators". From North America comes "Manito," "Piñero," "American Rhapsody," Northern Lights," "Green Dragon," "Scheme C6," "The Following," "The Man Who Wasn't There," and from Canada comes "Atanarjuat, The Fast Runner." Asian highlights include The People's Republic of China's "Quitting," "Seafood," "Orphan of Anyang"; Hong Kong's "Peony Pavilion", "Hollywood Hong Kong" and "Gege"; Taiwan's "A City of Sadness," "Goodbye South, Goodbye," "The Personals," "What Time is it There," "Darkness and Light," "The Cabbie"; Singapore's "12 Storeys," "Talking Cock," "Day After Tomorrow," Forever Fever, "Mee Pok Man," "Eating Air," "Chicken Rice War" and "I Not Stupid." From the Indian subcontinent comes "Calmness," "Lagaan" and "The Legend of Bagat-Singh." For screening schedules and other movie titles, call 412-7686 or log on to www.cinemanila.com.ph.

96.3 WRock presents **Unfaithful**, starring Richard Gere and Diane Lane as a couple living in the New York city suburbs whose marriage goes dangerously awry when the wife gets involved in an adulterous fling, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m. at SM Megamall Cinema 1. Tune in to 96.3 WRock for free invites to the special advanced screening.

Onstage

Alikabok, Musical Theater Philippines' beloved musical inspired by Juan Luna's painting "La Bulaqueña," returns to the stage beginning Aug. 7 at the Music Museum. The cast includes Cris Villonco, Nonoy Zuñiga, Jeffrey Hidalgo and Noel Rayos under the direction of Tony Espejo. For tickets, call 721-7229.

Insiang, a moving drama by Mario O'Hara about the transformation of an innocent teenage girl from naivete to immorality and malevolence, goes onstage at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batutue on Aug. 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 3 p.m. For details, call 832-3661.

Ateneo High School's Dulaang Sibol presents ***Sinta***, a Filipino transplantation of the musical "The Fantasticks." Show time is 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 9, 15, 16 and 23. Tickets at P100 each.

Dinner with Friends, Repertory Philippines' production of Donald Margulies' Pulitzer Prize-winning play about love, commitment and friendship in the midst of separation and divorce, until Aug. 11 at the William J. Shaw Theatre, Shangri-La Plaza. The play will then move to the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza in Makati from Aug. 15-25. For details, call 633-4822 to 25.

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The **Shell National Students Art Competition** calls on Filipino college students currently enrolled with at least 12 units in a reputable school to join the Shell art contest. Each participant may submit a maximum of two entries in any of the four categories: oil/acrylic, watercolor, sculpture and the Epson digital. Interested parties may get entry forms and competition rules from any Shell office, installation, depot or service station in the country, or from their school's college of fine arts dean and the office of student affairs. Or visit www.StudentArtContest.com and download entry forms. Deadline is Aug. 21-23 for provincial entries and Sept. 12-14 for Metro Manila entries.

Learn the ABCs of **decorative candle making** in a two-day course through demo and hands-on activities on Aug. 9 and 10. For details, call Polymer Products at 671-9837.

The **PETA Writers' Bloc**, a group of established and aspiring playwrights, announces its opening session today, 2 p.m. at the PETA Office, 61 Lantana St., Cubao, QC. The Bloc holds sessions every other Sunday to read new plays and discuss playwriting and theater issues. For details, call Rody Vera at 551-0823 or e-mail rodyv@mac.com.

The Philippine Association of Social Workers Inc. is organizing an **auction sale** to raise funds for training and journal publication on Aug. 8, 1-5 p.m. at the DSWD Auditorium. Donations can be brought to PASWI office, 2nd floor, PSSC, Commonwealth Avenue, QC or at the DSWD Central Office. For details, call 453-8250.

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Circle Isle Productions is holding a **stage performance workshop** every Saturday of August until October at the University of the Philippines Hotel. The workshop aims to fine tune one's talent in vocal projection, acting and stage movement. Culminating activity will be a full-length musical to be held at Stageworx, 5th Level of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall on October. For inquiries, call 934-3201.

The Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines will hold **Basic... and Beyond photo workshops**. On Aug. 10 and 11, Portrait Photography, and Figure Photography on Aug. 25 to be held at the Tanghalang Manuel Conde, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. For registration, call 801-3786 or 0917-3994437.

The **Chinese State Circus** of Beijing will perform at Glorietta Activity Center today at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Other performances will be at the Alabang Town Center on Aug. 9, 10 and 11 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Finally, Cebuanos will get a chance to watch the acrobatic performances at the Ayala Center Cebu on Aug. 16, 17 and 18.

An introductory workshop on the Enneagram, **Unraveling the Secrets of Personality**, will be held on Aug. 10-11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center for Health and Creative Arts. Facilitator will be Fr. Jose Ma. De Leon, SJ. For details, call 434-5381.

X-manila

Fish of Fortune, an exhibit depicting fishes on acrylic, oil and mixed media on canvas by Ramon Diaz at Genluna Gallery, Davao City until Aug. 10. For details, call (082)226-2104.

The Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions will hold the first **Bulacan Book Fair** on Aug. 5-8 at the Baliuag University, Bulacan. The highlights of the book fair are seminars for teachers and librarians; "Approaches and Methods in English Language Teaching Appropriate in Philippine Schools in the New Millennium," Aug. 5-6, and "Basic Catskills, the AACR2R and the MARC Format," Aug. 7-8. For inquiries, call Beth Solquio-Jornadal at 927-9858 or 926-4708.

Fashion Storm 2002, a fashion show series featuring the collections of upcoming designers from the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines at the Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field's Mequeni Café. Featured couturiers are Francis Calaquian on Aug. 9; Francis Vizcarra and Jon Fernando on Aug. 16; Dennis Martin and Ivan dela Cruz on Aug. 23, and Arielle Agasang on Aug. 30. For inquiries, call (045) 599-8000 ext. 1324.

The cast of "Dinner with Friends"

Get Creative

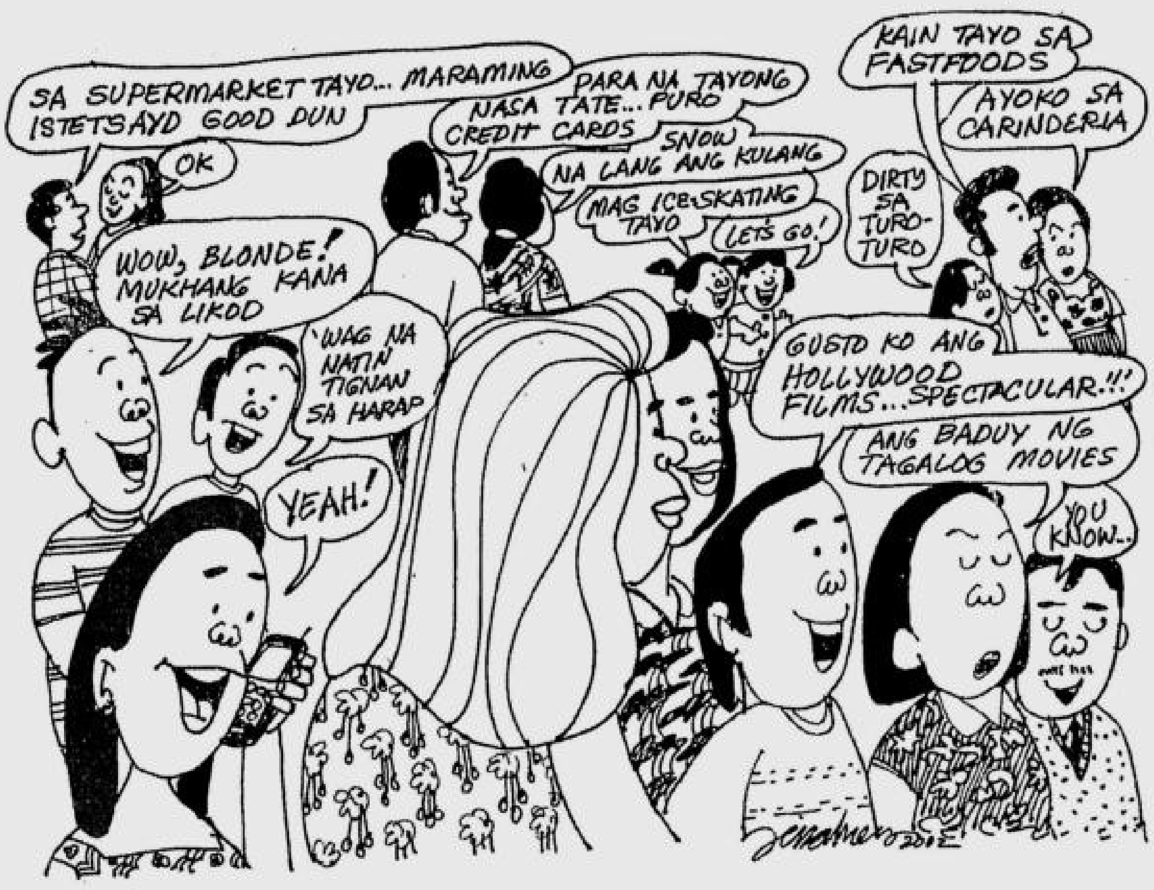
"Tapping the Creative Universe" is a cutting-edge workshop that will help uncover, identify and set aside the blocks that stand in the way of creativity in everyday life. By actively engaging self-defeating attitudes and instilling practices that will help the participant overcome them, the workshop hopes to awaken the inner joy and natural creative impulse each person possesses. Through six two-hour sessions, the workshop will employ practical techniques developed by Jim Paredes, plus those found in "The Artist's Way" (by Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan), that have proven to be effective in dealing with a creative rut. An added plus is Jim's sharing of his enormous wealth of personal experience as an active multi-faceted artist of more than 30 years. The workshop will be held on August 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 16 at the Rockwell Club, Amorsolo Building. Call 929-0230/426-5375.

Jim Paredes offers a workshop on finding one's creative self

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Feeling Kano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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Nanay Luz A. Zafra: A Centenary Gift

At 101, this widow of a UP professor remains the Mother of Perpetual Help to three generations of students who remember her with affection. Typically, Nanay Zafra also took under her wing some disadvantaged migrant youth and gave them a home

***Nanay* is the affectionate and symbolic title of Mrs. Luz A. Zafra, widow of UP Professor Nicolas Zafra, and surrogate mother (*nanay*) to three generations of UPSCANS especially from the so-called JP Delaney Era (1950-1956).**

At age 101, *Nanay* Zafra remains the Mother Dowager to a vast UPSCA spiritual household worldwide. Even the "now generation" of UPSCANS (led by Running Priest Fr. Robert Reyes and younger *Nanay* Teresa V. Daza) loves to coddle close to the original *Nanay* Zafra if only to collect and recollect fond memories and stories of faith about the UP Chapel Bugs and the Delaney-Gough-O'Brien Jesuit Triumvirate of the glory days of the '50s.

Besides being the durable matriarch of the huge UPSCA family, *Nanay* Luz Zafra is also the Great Grand Matriarch of the venerable Zafra-Reyes clan composed of daughters Lourdes (who is a Holy Spirit nun) and Fely (who is married to Bert Reyes)—and 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. That makes *Nanay* Z. a "*Nanay*" four times over: *Nanay* to her two daughters, *Nanay* to her grandchildren, *Nanay* to her great-grandchildren and *Nanay* still to three generations of UPSCANS. A memorable achievement indeed!

The bagets generation of the rural poor youth who had been displaced in the city are now among the recent additions to *Nanay* Zafra's "children." They are housed temporarily in a 52-year-old duplex on Cordillera Street (QC) owned by Bert and Fely Reyes who promptly responded to my frantic call 20 years ago when I started to minister to displaced and homeless young *promdis* and vagrants in the Archdiocese of Manila. I desperately needed a place to house the migrant and street youth. Bert and Fely, presumably through the intercession of our "Nanay" of Perpetual Help, promptly and spontaneously offered their old house—and the Center for Migrant Youth was born. This might sound like trivia in the mega-wondrous life of the Zafras, but to us poor tenant-pilgrims on Cordillera Street, it was an authentic miracle of the heart. I still live and work in that borrowed house on Cordillera Street among the homeless and restless youth who are immensely proud and grateful for having known the Zafras especially *Nanay*. "God's centenary gift to us all," they say.

I hope the Church in the Philippines will invite *Nanay* Luz A. Zafra and her "family" to the World Meeting of Families on January 2003—a special date *Nanay*, age 101, would not want to miss.

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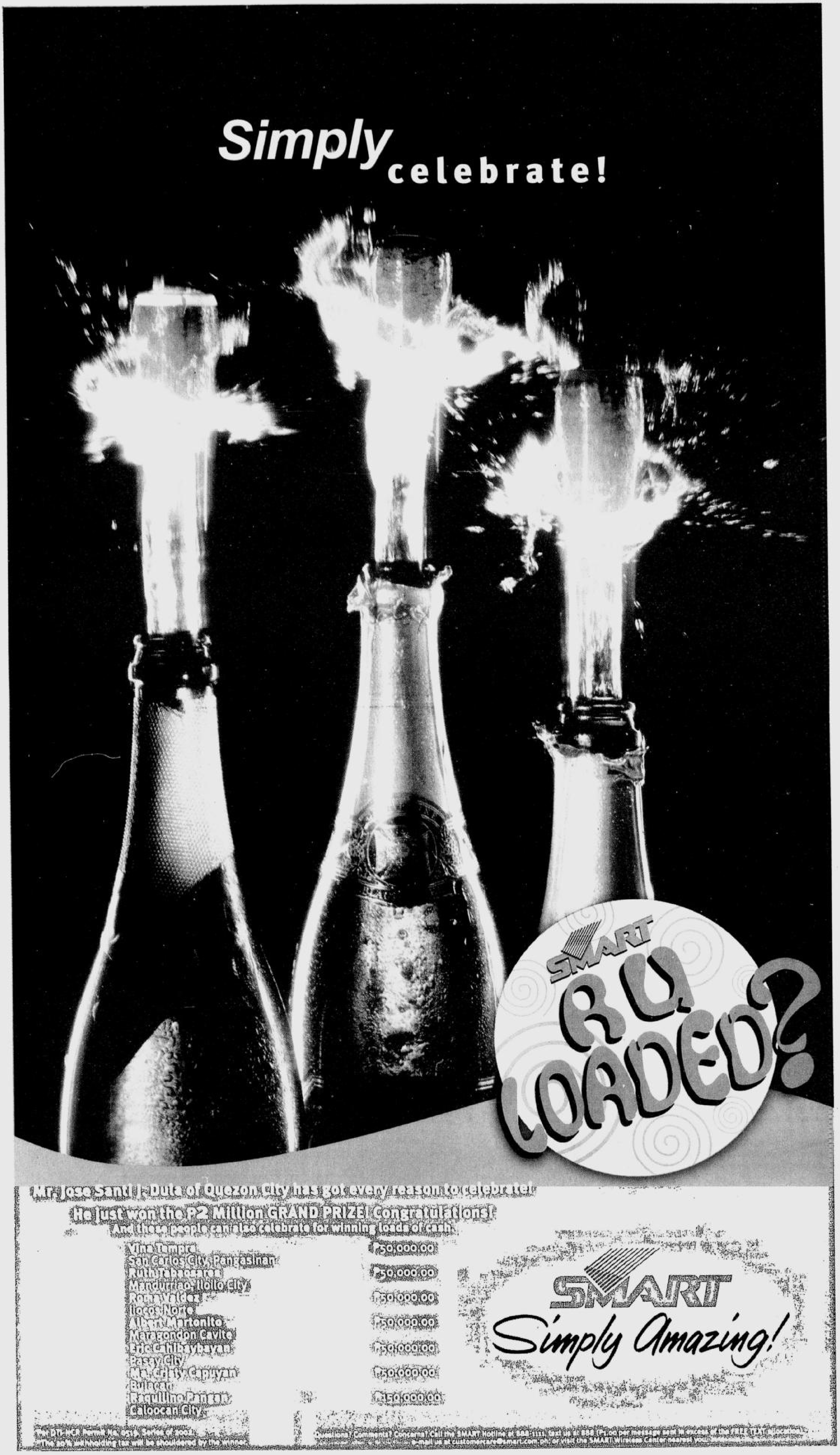

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